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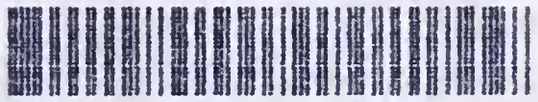
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# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States

OF THE

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS,

AND

## THE JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,

INCLUDING

THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ITS OFFICERS AND STATISTICAL TABLES SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE ORDER

From its Formation in February, 1821, to the Close of the Annual Session of 1862.

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

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## PROCEEDINGS DIRECTING THIS PUBLICATION.

*In Grand Lodge of the United States, September* 19, 1860.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the suggestions of the R. W. Grand Secretary relative to the republication of the Journal of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report:

That they have given the matter due consideration, and are of the opinion that the necessity of the case seems to admit of no alternative; and they would therefore recommend that five hundred copies of the volumes be printed under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary, agreeably to the suggestions made in his report; the work to be done by the lowest responsible bidder, after inviting proposals to that end.

This report, having been laid on the table under the rule, was taken up on the 21st of September and adopted.—(*See Journal*, 3253, 3267, 3268.) Test: JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

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# PREFACE.

In obedience to the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to be found on the preceding page, authorizing a republication of the Journal of that body, the undersigned, charged with that duty, now presents to the fraternity the third edition of that work, with a new Index, prepared at his instance, by P. G. Rep., F. A. Ellis, of Maryland, whose experience as an active member of the Grand Lodge for many years, affords the most ample assurance that his work will commend itself to the approbation of the Brotherhood. This publication differs from the former or second edition in several important particulars: it excludes the Digest, a new edition of which is also being prepared by Bro. Ellis; it omits the reports of D. D. G. Sires, and all returns of expulsions and rejections, and such extraneous matter as had no necessary connexion with the legislation of the body, thus compressing into four compact volumes, the whole work of the Grand Lodge from 1821 to 1862, inclusive. It has been deemed advisable to depart from the plan adopted in the second edition. Instead of combining the two, the present plan separates the Index from the Digest, and makes them entirely distinct works, the former referring exclusively to the legislation of the body in a continuing series, without distinguishing between repealed or obsolete laws and those now in force, but embracing the whole legislation of the Grand Lodge, and the latter applying itself exclusively to a Digest of the law as it now exists, without including antecedent conflicting legislation. The Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, as they exist at the time of the publication, and the several forms prescribed for applications and returns, are also included.

The portraits of the P. G. Sires, and that of P. D. G. Sire Edward H. Fitzhugh, especially ordered to be included, embellish the work, which is in all respects a faithful record of the legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and is produced in a style of mechanical execution not inferior to either of the former editions.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

# Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES,

*Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1852.*

BALTIMORE, SEPTEMBER 20, 1852.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were present:

OFFICERS.

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| WILLIAM W. MOORE, - - - | M. W. G. Sire. |
| HERMAN L. PAGE, - - - - | R. W. D. G. Sire. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - - | R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary. |
| ANDREW E. WARNER, - - | R. W. G. Treasurer. |
| Rev. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, - - | R. W. G. Chaplain. |
| JOHN SESSFORD, JR., - - - | R. W. G. Marshal. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - - | W. G. Messenger. |
| SOLOMON H. LEWYT, - - - | W. G. Guardian. |

And Representatives from thirty-one State Grand Lodges and twenty-six Grand Encampments, as follows:

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| P. G. Henry F. Anners, P. G. J. Alex. Simpson, - - - - | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. M. Henry G. Askew, - - - | Delaware. |
| P. G. M. Lloyd E. Baldwin, - - - | Connecticut. |
| P. G. H. P. James M. Cassady, P. G. Joseph N. Taylor, | New Jersey. |
| P. G. William Chidsey, G. M. W. G. Williams, - | Ohio. |

P. G. Schuyler Colfax, }
P. G. P. A. Hackleman, } - - - Indiana.
P. G. Benjamin Conley, }
P. G. Edward S. Kempton, } - - - Georgia
P. G. M. William Crutcher, }
P. G. C. Theodore Vennigerholz, } - - Mississippi.
P. G. M. Wilmot G. DeSaussure, - - South Carolina.
P. G. Edgar C. Dibble, }
P. G. Rowland F. Russell, } - - - Northern New York.
P. G. M. William Ellison, - - - - Massachusetts.
P. G. James W. Hale, }
P. G. M. Wilson Small, } - - - Southern New York.
P. G. Charles R. Hansford, }
P. G. P. William E. Jennings, } - - - Alabama
P. G. Thomas Hardie, - - - - Iowa.
P. G. Henry B. Hinsdale, - - - - Winconsin.
P. G. M. Asher S. Kellogg, - - - Michigan.
P. G. William B. Magruder, }
P. G. M. Frederick D. Stuart, } - - - District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Horace A. Manchester, }
P. G. M. James Wood, } - - Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Richard Marley, }
P. G. Joshua Vansant, } - - - Maryland.
P. G. Elijah Morton, }
P. G. W. S. Munday, } - - - - Tennessee.
P. G. John G. Potts, - - - - - Illinois.
P. C. P. W. H. Remington, - - - Missouri.
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, }
P. G. M. Israel Robinson, } - - - Virginia.
P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter, }
P. G. Stephen H. Simes, } - - New Hampshire.
P. G. G. W. Shaw, - - - - - Louisiana.

The Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the proceedings of last session was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. E. C. Robinson, of Va., Small, of S. N. Y. and Shaw, of La.

The credentials of new members were presented and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the several States and jurisdictions now proceed to draw for the seats to be occupied by their Representatives during the session; and that, unless otherwise ordered by their delegation, the oldest member present from each State or jurisdiction shall act, in this drawing, for his State or jurisdiction.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to amend the resolution by providing for a committee of three to superintend the drawing, which was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Colfax, of Ind., P. G. Sire Kennedy, and Rep. Cassady, of N. J., as the committee.

Rep. Kennedy, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to prepare a plan for balloting for seats respectfully report:

That they recommend that ballots from No. 1 to 32, corresponding with the number of States and jurisdictions represented in this body, be placed in a hat, and that the senior member of each State or jurisdiction draw one of those numbers, commencing with the Senior Representative from Maryland. The State that draws No. 1 shall be entitled to as many seats, commencing at desk numbered one, as the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of that State are entitled to: the State drawing No. 2 shall occupy the desks numbered immediately consecutive to those occupied by No. 1, and so on to No 32, who will consequently occupy the highest numbered seats. This plan, as the committee think, will avoid confusion, and at the same time enable the members from each State or jurisdiction to be seated together, as they are now, for convenience in consultation.

Respectfully submitted.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES M. CASSADY.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., being about to address the Lodge upon the report of the committee, his right to take part in the proceedings of the Lodge was objected to, upon the ground that being a new member, and the Committee on Credentials not having reported, he was not yet recognised as a Representative. The Chair ruled as follows:

That, under the former organization of this Grand Lodge, when the terms of its members were limited to one year, and the body annually elected became dissolved on the assembling of a new session, all the Representatives met as equals, and each had a right to participate in the organization; but since this Grand Lodge had been made a perpetual body, by extending the terms of its members to two years, and requiring one-half of them to hold over from year to year, a newly elected Representative cannot be regarded as a member until his credentials shall have been received, and the justice of his claim to a seat acknowledged by the existing Grand Lodge; and until thus duly admitted, no brother can take part in any of the proceedings of this body.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., objected to the right of P. G. S. Kennedy to serve on the committee, on the ground that he was in the same position as Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, his credentials having not yet been reported upon. The Chair ruled as follows:

That Past Grand Sires are permanent members of this body, possessing all the rights and privileges of other members, except the right of voting and having their expenses paid; and that P. G. S. Kennedy being present, was competent to serve on a committee, or perform any other duty that might be assigned him as a member of this body; his privileges of Past Grand Sire being suspended, for the time being, so long as he should be in the discharge of duties as a regular Representative from his State.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The Lodge then proceeded to the drawing in the manner prescribed by the report of the committee, and under the direction of the committee; and the drawing having been concluded, the committee reported as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the duty of allotting seats report the subjoined list as the result of the drawing.

Very respectfully.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES M. CASSADY.

| Number. | Entitled to seats. | Nos. of seats allotted. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Arkansas, | 1 | 1 |
| 2. Missouri, | 3 | 2, 3, 4. |
| 3. Mississippi, | 3 | 5, 6, 7. |
| 4. Florida, | 1 | 8. |
| 5. Pennsylvania, | 4 | 9, 10, 11, 12. |
| 6. Northern New York | 4 | 13, 14, 15, 16. |
| 7. Connecticut, | 3 | 17, 18, 19. |
| 8. Kentucky, | 3 | 20, 21, 22. |
| 9. Maryland, | 4 | 23, 24, 25, 26. |
| 10. Wisconsin, | 3 | 27, 28, 29. |
| 11. South Carolina, | 3 | 30, 31, 32. |
| 12. Iowa, | 3 | 33, 34, 35. |
| 13. Massachusetts, | 4 | 36, 37, 38, 39. |
| 14. Delaware, | 3 | 40, 41, 42. |
| 15. Virginia, | 4 | 43, 44, 45, 46. |
| 16. New Jersey, | 3 | 47, 48, 49. |
| 17. Illinois, | 3 | 50, 51, 52. |
| 18. Indiana, | 3 | 53, 54, 55. |
| 19. Southern New York, | 4 | 56, 57, 58, 59. |
| 20. Tennessee, | 3 | 60, 61, 62. |
| 21. Vermont, | 2 | 63, 64. |
| 22. District of Columbia | 3 | 65, 66, 67. |
| 23. New Hampshire, | 3 | 68, 69, 70. |

| Number. | Entitled to seats. | Nos. of seats allotted. |
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| 24. Michigan, | 3 | 71, 72, 73. |
| 25. Maine, | 3 | 74, 75, 76. |
| 26. Rhode Island | 3 | 77, 78, 79. |
| 27. Georgia, | 3 | 80, 81, 82. |
| 28. Ohio, | 4 | 83, 84, 85, 86. |
| 29. Alabama, | 3 | 87, 88, 89. |
| 30. North Carolina, | 3 | 90, 91, 92. |
| 31. Texas, | 1 | 93. |
| 32. Louisiana, | 3 | 94, 95, 96. |

On motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., the Lodge took a recess for five minutes, to enable the Representatives to change their seats.

The Lodge having resumed its business—

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credential respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives as in form and duly authenticated, and that the Representatives named are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge.

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, - - - - Maryland.
P. G. I. D. Williamson, P. G. Richard Gillespie, - - - Kentucky.
P. G. M. John Crickard, - - - - Louisiana.
P. G. James B. Ruple, - - - - Pennsylvania.
P. G. Charles C. Harmon, - - - - Maine.
P. G. J. P. Norman, - - - - Arkansas.
P. G. James P. Sanders, - - - - Northern New York.
P. G. William Hicks, - - - - Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Johnston B. Newby, P. G. W. L. Steele, - - - North Carolina.
P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh, - - - Virginia.
P. G. Francis D. Mulford, - - - - New Jersey.
P. G. M. Augustus M. Foute, - - - Mississippi.
P. G. M. Joseph L. Drew, P. G. Sec. William H. Jones, - - - Massachusetts.
P. G. Nelson Carlisle, - - - - Delaware.
P. G. R. Finley Hunt, - - - - District of Columbia
P. G. John A. Gyles, - - - - South Carolina.
P. G. Samuel Lynes, - - - - - Connecticut.
P. G. M. A. Tuxbury, P. G. C. W. Bradbury, - - - Vermont.
P. G. M. John C. Lyford, - - - - New Hampshire.
P. G. M. Andre Froment, - - - Southern New York.
P. G. M. John Chester, - - - - Michigan.
P. G. Luther J. Glenn, - - - - Georgia.

P. G. M. Oliver Dufour, - - - - Indiana.
P. G. N. G. Shelley, - - - - Alabama.
P. G. Thomas T. Smiley, - - - - Tennessee.
P. G. John Libby, } - - Missouri.
P. D. G. M. Clarke H. Green, }
P. G. M. William D. McCord, - - - Iowa.
P. G. Charles Billinghurst, - - - Wisconsin.
P. G. E. P. Hunt, - - - - - Texas.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. C. P. Benjamin F. Zimmerman, - - Maryland.
P. G. P. George Sligo, - - - - Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. Edmund P. Hunter, - - - Virginia.
P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy, - - - Southern New York.
P. G. P. John R. Mullen, - - - Massachusetts.
P. G. P. Cholwell J. Gruman, - - - Connecticut.
P. C. P. Nelson Hayward, - - - Ohio.
P. H. P. Edward S. Kempton, - - - Georgia.
P. H. P. George W. Race, - - - Louisiana.
P. G. P. Daniel P. Barnard, - - - Northern New York.
P. G. P. Thomas H. Hardenburgh, - - North Carolina.
P. G. William Mathews, - - - - Kentucky.
P. G. Witter J. Baxter, - - - - Michigan.
P. G. James B. Kellogg, - - - - Wisconsin.
P. G. Joseph Burton, - - - - Maine.

The committee further report that they have in their hands a certificate from the Grand Patriarch of South Carolina, certifying that P. C. P. Robert W. Seymour was duly elected a Representative from the Grand Encampment to this Grand Lodge, but that in consequence of the sickness and absence of the Grand Scribe, said certificate is without the seal of said Grand Encampment; also, a telegraphic despatch from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, stating that the credentials of P. C. P. John G. Potts had been forwarded to him at this place. Said credentials have not, however, been placed in the possession of your committee.

All of which is herewith submitted to the Grand Lodge for its consideration.

E. C. ROBINSON,
G. W. SHAW,
WILSON SMALL.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., that part of the report of the committee relating to the credentials of Representatives which are in due form, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That P. C. P. R. W. Seymour be and he is hereby admitted as the Representative from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

*Resolved*, That P. C. P. John G. Potts be and he is hereby admitted as the Representative of the Grand Encampment of Illinois.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge will meet daily at 9 o'clock A. M.; take a recess for half an hour at 12 o'clock M. and adjourn at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., moved to amend the resolution by substituting 3 o'clock as the hour for recess, and providing for an evening session at 7 o'clock, which was not adopted.

The question recurring on the original proposition, it was adopted.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause twelve hundred copies of the daily journal to be printed, and one copy thereof to be placed upon the desk of the Representatives at the opening of each day's session.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger have placed daily on the desk of each Representative ten copies of the printed proceeedings in single wrappers, for the purpose of mailing, and that he is hereby authorized to pay the postage on all documents which may be placed in his hands, printed by authority of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the first resolution, by striking out "twelve hundred" copies and inserting "two thousand" copies, which was not adopted.

The question recurring upon the resolutions of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., they were adopted.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session on Wednesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, for instruction in the work of the Order.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed at the last annual communication to procure a portrait of P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin would respectfully ask leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and the portrait is now in the official keeping of the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
JAMES M. CASSADY,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of digesting and arranging the Rules of Order adopted by that R. W. Body, have had the matter under consideration and respectfully report:

That after a careful examination of Cushing's Manual, with a view

to the accomplishment of the duty imposed upon them, they reluctantly abandoned the undertaking, and submit the following reasons for so doing:

*First.* Because they found the Manual almost a perfect digest of the Rules of Order now in use in most of the legislative bodies in this country; and that being so, it could not be more condensed without depreciating its value, and in fact robbing it of its principal merit.

*Second.* That even were the Manual much less condensed, it would be impossible to comply with the wishes of the Grand Lodge without copying therefrom, verbatim, many whole sections or even articles; which, in the opinion of your committee, besides putting the Grand Lodge to unnecessary expense for printing the rules, would, if abridged to less than one-fourth the matter contained in Cushing, cost more per copy than is asked for the book in its present condition.

Taking this view of the subject, the committee respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

FRED. D. STUART,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
H. F. ASKEW.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved the following resolutions, which, at his instance, were ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and laid on the table for the present:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be raised by election, to whom shall be referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to report such amendments thereto as they shall deem to be required by the Order.

*Resolved*, That the said committee have leave to sit during the recess, provided such session shall not exceed one week, and the same compensation shall be allowed per diem to the members of the committee as is now allowed to Grand Representatives.

*Resolved*, That the said committee be instructed to present their report on the first day of the next communication, with power to have two hundred copies of the same printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the report of the said committee do lie upon the table during the communication of 1853, and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1854.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge, in pursuance of the order adopted, took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

*On the State of the Order.*—Reps. DeSaussure, of S. C., Colfax, of Ind., Stuart, of D. C.

*Legislative Committee.*—Reps. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., Barnard, of N. N. Y., Conley, of Ga.

*Committee on Correspondence.*—Reps. Askew, of Del., Cassady, of N. J., Baldwin, of Conn.

*On Finance.*—Reps. Crickard, of La., Kellogg, of Wis., Zimmerman, of Md.

*On Appeals.*—Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Dufour, of Ind., Anners, of Pa.

*On Constitutions.*—Reps. Vennigerholz, of Miss., E. C. Robinson, of Va., Drew, of Mass.

*On Petitions.*—Reps. Manchester, of R. I., Newby, of N. C., Munday, of Tenn.

*On Returns.*—Reps. Senter, of N. H., Emerson, of Me., Norman, of Ark.

*On Grand Bodies not represented.*—Reps. Potts, of Ill., Lynes, of Conn., Gyles, of S. C.

*On Printing.*—Reps. Kellogg, of Mich., Vansant, of Md., Williams, of Ohio.

*Mileage and Per Diem.*—Reps. Hale, of S. N. Y., Jennings, of Ala., Hardie, of Iowa.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., asked to be excused from service on the Committee on the State of the Order, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Md., was excused from service on the Committee on Finance, and Rep. Conley, of Georgia, appointed to fill the vacancy.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Messenger be, and he is hereby instructed to place on the desk of each member of this Grand Lodge a copy of "Cushing's Manual," and that the copies to be furnished shall continue to be the property of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge diploma to each Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Anners, of Pa., presented the amended by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to report forthwith how many of the State Grand bodies (if any) have not paid the amounts due from their respective Grand Lodges to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary accordingly reported the amounts due by the several State Grand Bodies whose accounts were unsettled.

The M. W Grand Sire submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

BROTHERS: Being again convened in annual session, pursuant to the fraternal compact which binds together our great and flourishing institution, to survey its present condition and unite our counsels for its future welfare, it reverently becomes us, before entering upon the business for which we have assembled, to acknowledge with gratitude the infinite wisdom and goodness of an all-wise Providence, to whose protecting care we are so greatly indebted for the many blessings we enjoy. Both as citizens of a common country and as members of an association whose beneficent operations extend to every part of its inhabited territories, we have had during the past year abundant cause of felicitation, in the evidences of increasing prosperity and happiness which have marked its progress. Blessed with peace in all our borders, preserved from pestilence, favored with plentiful harvests, and witnessing in active and successful operation all the appliances of industry, science, and art, cold indeed must be the heart that does not glow with a sense of devout thankfulness to the Giver of all good for his benignant dispensations towards us.

It would be supererogation for me to enter upon details whilst informing the Representatives here congregated, from all parts of our widely-expanded jurisdiction, that the institution of Odd-Fellowship has shared largely in the general prosperity and advancement of our age and country. Its lodges and membership have been greatly increased; its wealth and power proportionately augmented; and its business affairs, in all their extensive ramifications, distinguished by a harmony the most auspicious and encouraging. In short, in its noble career of beneficence, it continues to disarm prejudice, to silence slander, and calm the swells of sectarian bigotry, at the same time that it more securely fortifies itself against successful opposition, and more widely and firmly establishes its proud claim to pre-eminence amongst the most benevolent institutions of the age.

Grand Lodges having been established in all the States, (except California,) and Grand Encampments in nearly all of them, there now remains but little territory in which it is the province of this Grand Lodge to organize Lodges or Encampments; and, consequently, the necessity of issuing dispensations for such bodies, in pursuance of the law which invests your executive officers with that discretion during the recess, has become quite limited, in comparison with what it has been in past years. A recapitulation of the acts of the Grand Sire cannot, therefore, occupy much space in this communication.

During the recess we have issued a warrant for, and caused to be instituted at Muscatine, the Grand Encampment of Iowa, previously authorized by an act of the Grand Lodge. This Grand Encampment was duly organized on the 10th of June last, by Bro. Amos Mathews, then District Deputy Grand Sire for that State, and is represented to be in a promising condition.

We have also issued dispensations for Subordinate Lodges at Salem, Oregon; St Paul's, Minnesota; and Santa Fe, New Mexico; and for

a Subordinate Encampment at Monticello, Florida; all of which acts are respectfully submitted for your approval and confirmation.

The Lodge at Salem, in Oregon, if it shall have been instituted, (of which there is no reason to doubt,) will be the first Lodge opened in that distant Territory, the warrant heretofore granted for a Lodge at Oregon city having been cancelled.

The Order in California, the condition of which will be learned from the report of the Grand Secretary and its accompanying documents, will require your special attention.

The report of the same distinguished and indefatigable officer will also inform you of the nature of a communication received last spring, from an association styling itself the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England," proposing a union with the Odd-Fellows of the United States. The Grand Sire fully coincides in the views presented by the Grand Secretary in relation to this subject, so far as they are adverse to the proposed union.

In May last an application was received for a lodge at Panama, in the Republic of New Granada, where our Order might be planted with great advantage to the numerous brotherhood who are constantly removing to and from California; but the application having been informal, we were relieved from the duty of deciding upon its contents, and simply informed the petitioners in what manner they could legally proceed in their laudable work. It is not improbable, therefore, that the petition will be renewed, in anticipation of which event the documents are herewith submitted for your examination and judgment, if it shall be your pleasure to institute special legislation upon the subject.

In January last a commission was issued to Bro. M. D. Papy, the District Deputy Grand Sire of Florida, to confer the Encampment degrees upon a sufficient number of scarlet members, to enable them to petition for an Encampment; which trust having been promptly discharged by Bro. Papy, a petition was forwarded in due form, upon which a dispensation was granted for Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, of Florida, to be located at Monticello; of the opening of which no return has yet been received.

Only one charter has been reclaimed during the recess—that of State Encampment, No. 3, of Iowa, which became forfeited by its neglect to forward proper returns to this Grand Lodge. Its funds and warrant have been duly returned to the office of the Grand Secretary.

In ——— last the Grand Sire authorized Bro. Joseph D. Ellis, who had been previously appointed District Deputy Grand Sire for the Territory of New Mexico, to elevate a number of scarlet members to the Patriarchal degrees, to enable them to petition for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at Santa Fe; and, these brethren having been duly qualified as petitioners, an application for an Encampment was received from them several weeks ago. It was accompanied, however, by other documents touching the condition of the Order in New Mexico, which induced your executive officers, in view of the near approach of this annual session, to submit to your judgment, as they now do, the propriety of granting the prayer of the petitioners.

Towards the close of the last year the Degree of Rebekah was distributed, in accordance with your enactment of the last session, to such Grand Lodges as applied for it, and, so far as we are informed, it has been received by them with general favor. The work is now in possession of the Grand Lodges of all the States, except those of Maryland and North Carolina, which have deferred final action upon the question of purchasing it. In order to ensure uniformity in putting this degree into operation, the Grand Sire deemed it necessary to accompany it with some general instructions, a copy of which is submitted with this report.

Since your last communication, the Block of Marble which was directed to be prepared as a contribution from this Grand Lodge to the National Monument, now in the course of erection at the city of Washington as a memorial of the Nation's gratitude to the Hero and Sage who so eminently contributed to the establishment of its liberties, has been formally presented to the President of the United States, who is ex-officio President of the Board of Managers of the Monument Association. The correspondence which took place on the occasion will be laid before you. It may be added, however, that in the preparation and embellishment of this block, no pains have been spared to make it worthy of the Order which it is designed in part to represent in the lofty column now being reared by a grateful people to perpetuate the name of their most illustrious countryman, whose civic virtues and heroic deeds deservedly occupy so proud a place in the esteem and admiration of the world. The execution of the work having been committed to Bro. Peter Fritz, the present Grand Master of Pennsylvania, that brother is justly entitled to high credit for the faithful and disinterested manner in which he discharged the important trust confided to him.

The receipts into the Treasury during the year, of which the worthy Grand Secretary's report will contain a detailed statement, are more than sufficient to discharge the current expenses, including the per diem and mileage of members for the present session. If there were any probability that the revenue of the Grand Lodge would continue to exceed its necessary expenses, which have been greatly increased by requiring the compensation of Representatives to be paid out of its Treasury, sound policy would dictate a reduction in some branches of its income. But, under present circumstances, as much the largest portion of the receipts for this year have been derived from a temporary source, which has now been nearly exhausted, and cannot be expected hereafter to furnish means to any considerable amount, a prudent foresight would suggest the impropriety of disturbing the existing revenue laws; the more especially as the regular income of the year has been less than the accruing expenses, and in a very brief period this income must be still further reduced, when the revenue now arising from the per centage of Subordinates shall be transferred to State jurisdictions. It becomes us, therefore, so to manage our financial affairs as to retain in the Treasury a surplus large enough to meet any emergency that might be produced by a deficiency in the general receipts.

In the financial statistics of the past year there is one exhibit which will be regarded with general regret—that one which discloses that the appeal of this Grand Lodge for contributions in aid of the annuity proposed to be conferred on the honored Pratriarch of our Order, has not called forth those liberal responses which were too confidently anticipated. It will be seen that a few only of the State Bodies have evinced a disposition to second the views of this Grand Lodge in bestowing upon that worthy and venerated brother some substantial evidence of a just appreciation of his faithful services, and of his pre-eminent claims upon the generous sympathies of a great and flourishing institution, to whose growth and maturity he has devoted the vigor and substance of his life. It is for the Grand Lodge to determine whether it is expedient to resort to any other measure with a view to the accomplishment of the praiseworthy object contemplated by its previous legislation on this subject.

It is a source of gratification to be able to state that the contributions in aid of our brethren at Honolulu have been quite liberal, and will, it is hoped, satisfy those who are laboring in behalf of the Order in that distant region that their efforts are not regarded by us with indifference.

The same cause which, as before stated, has circumscribed the acts of your executive officers in authorizing the opening of Lodges and Encampments, (namely, the covering of the States by Grand Bodies,) has also considerably limited the necessity of direct appeals to the Grand Sire to settle debatable questions touching the law or practice of the Order. The comparatively few cases presented for adjudication afford gratifying evidence of the comprehensiveness and efficacy of the existing code, as well as of the greater familiarity with its provisions which has been acquired by the experience of the brotherhood. The correspondence accompanying this report will disclose the nature of all the questions decided during the recess. A portion of them only can be here recapitulated for general information, viz:

'1. That upon the adoption of any degree by this Grand Lodge, the Grand Representatives who are put in possession of it in the discharge of their representative duties, have no right to confer it upon Subordinate Lodges without having been regularly authorized so to do by their respective Grand Lodges; to which bodies the degree should be first formally reported, that they may adopt measures for putting it into operation, each within its own jurisdiction.

2. That the resolution of the last session does not authorize Grand Lodges to adjourn their sessions from place to place, as a majority of the members may at the moment decide by resolution, but merely authorizes said lodges to change their place of meeting, without consulting this Grand Lodge, by amendments of their constitutions and by-laws; and that, in the absence of such constitutional provisions, the meetings of Grand Lodges ought to be held at such places as are designated in their charters.

3. That a Grand Master has no power summarily to remove an officer of a Subordinate Lodge, as his official relations are not with the

officers of Lodges, but with the Lodges themselves, in their lodge capacity; and, therefore, if a Noble Grand persists in permitting improper work in violation of his instructions, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the Lodge that unless it shall require its officer to conform to the work it will be dealt with for insubordination.

4. That the term of service for Grand Officers, as recognised by all the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, is one year; and that Grand Officers who are elected for the brief period of three or four months would not be entitled to the official honors of said offices.

5. That Past Grands deputized to install the officers of Subordinates are charged with a special duty, clearly prescribed by law, and are entitled to all the respect due to the officer whom they represent, but that they have no authority summarily to deprive a Lodge of its charter, nor any right to assume the rank of elective officers, and introduce strangers into a Lodge without card or password.

6. That Past Grands deputized to officiate as Grand Officers at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and such other members of a Grand Lodge as may assemble to aid in those ceremonies, are required before entering the ante-room to give the same password that is demanded of other brothers; but that after the Lodge has been duly informed by the Grand Marshal of the presence in the ante-room of the installing officers, no password should be required of them at the inner door.

7. That, on a regular night of meeting, when, in the absence of the two principal officers, a Lodge had been opened for business with a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair and a scarlet member in the Vice Grand's chair, the proceedings of said meeting could not be pronounced illegal on the ground that there was present no Past Grand to occupy the chair if the acting Noble Grand had been required temporarily to vacate it, because, if the chair had been thus temporarily vacated, it would have been the duty of the right-supporter to occupy it.

8. That the Noble Grand of a Lodge has not the right to admit a member belonging to another Lodge in his State jurisdiction without the term password, but that he may admit members of his own Lodge without said word, if they be not in arrears to an amount that would disqualify them from receiving it.

9. That a Secretary has no right to withhold a card which has been granted by a Lodge, and for doing so he is liable to arraignment, even if the responsibility be assumed on the alleged discovery of crime on the part of the intended recipient.

10. That the laws of the various States and Municipalities, in consequence of the diversity of their provisions, would not, as a general rule, be a proper guide in determining the question of residence of applicants for membership, but that Lodges must be governed in this respect by such considerations as would prevail in ordinary business or social relations; as, for instance, that a married man, accompanied by his family and chattels, and engaged in some regular business, should be domiciled at the place of application, or that a single man, having with him his goods or the implements of his trade, should be engaged in the business of his calling; and the absence, in either case,

of any good reason to suppose that the presence of such persons was owing to the pursuit of a merely temporary object.

11. That a brother who has lost or been dispossessed of a withdrawal card, from no cause which should impeach his own conduct, may obtain a new card, bearing the same date, from the Lodge which had granted the original one, the said Lodge being the judge as to the propriety of granting the new issue, and, if granted, expressing on its face that it is a duplicate.

12. That a brother holding a withdrawal card which has run out of date may be recognised as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and be allowed to renew his membership by the deposite of said card, in a lodge at the place of his residence, upon the payment of such fee as the laws of said Lodge may require.

13. That it is not necessary or proper to reconsider or rescind a vote granting a withdrawal card, in order to arraign the brother to whom such card may have been given; because, the card having been voted, the membership of the brother ceases, and he has a legal right to the card; which, if he desires to renew his membership, he can deposite in the usual mode, or if it shall have been indiscreetly granted to an unworthy brother, the Lodge may annul it, taking care to allow to the brother implicated a fair and impartial trial, as in the case of suspended members against whom charges are preferred.

14. That a brother who is a member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident in another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an Encampment at the place of his residence.

15. That the Degree of Rebekah is an honorary degree, to be conferred, under the regulations adopted at the last session, upon such scarlet members and their wives as may desire to receive it; but that the officers of all Lodges which are in possession of the work ought to be in regular possession of the degree, upon the same principle that they are required to assume other obligations belonging to their official stations.

Some other decisions, relating to internal administration and the work of the Order, which may probably deserve the examination of the committee on that subject, will be found in the correspondence submitted with this report.

It having come to the knowledge of the Grand Sire that the office of the Grand Secretary suffers much inconvenience for the want of a seal press, and that a new seal is also necessary, he respectfully invites attention to the subject.

It is to the Grand Sire a cause of gratulation, as it ought to be to the Grand Representatives and the Order generally, that few questions have been submitted for his opinion in regard to which he has not been able to find law to guide his judgment. The imperfections, however, that have become apparent should be provided for, in order to limit as far as possible individual discretion. Perhaps the most remarkable deficiency is, that although all the general legislation of this body is founded upon the presumption that the terms of the officers of State Grand

Bodies are established at one year, there appears upon our Journal no enactment regulating those terms, except the act of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at the time of its separation from the Grand Lodge of the United States. Other remarkable defects in the general laws are the absence of any provision prescribing the mode in which membership may be renewed by brothers holding expired withdrawal cards, or for the replacing of cards that may have been lost or destroyed. It is the more necessary to provide for these cases because re-initiations are contrary to usage; and even upon this subject there is no law of record upon your Journal.

Having placed before you a report of my official acts and doings, as required by the organic law, the duty devolves upon you to institute such legislation as in your judgment may be required by the interests of our cherished Order. It is now, as has before been stated, harmonious and prosperous in all its relations. Our numerous brotherhood, affiliated for no unlawful purpose, but, on the contrary, ever standing firmly in defence of their country and its laws; excluding from their halls all sectarian and political discussions; discouraging every species of vice and immorality; disseminating no other doctrines than those of peace and good-will to man, have thus far been peculiarly favored by the encouraging smiles of Heaven; and to that high source we may ever look with confidence, so long as we maintain fresh and vigorous, in the true spirit of its foundation, an Order built upon the very homestead of humanity—of gentle brotherhood—and keep in view those active interchanges of kind offices that sweeten so much the mingled ingredients in the cup of human life. Let moderation, kindness, and forbearance characterize all our acts; let a genial faith in the omnipotence of good principles and just feeling and action pervade us, and thus shall we carry into practical effect the highest objects of our being on earth, at the same time that we honor the imperishable principles upon which are based the solid foundations of our Order.

WM. W. MOORE, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved that the report of the Grand Sire be referred to a select committee, for the purpose of allotting the several subjects therein referred to; and that two thousand copies of the same be printed for the use of the Representatives.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved to amend the resolution by striking out "two thousand" and inserting "fifteen hundred;" which was not adopted.

The question recurring on the original proposition, it was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Vennigerholz, of Miss., Small, of S. N. Y., and Billinghurst, of Wis., as the committee provided for by the above resolution.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., a committee of three was ordered to be appointed, for the purpose of reporting the unfinished business of the last session.

The Chair named Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Marley, of Md., and I. Robinson, of Va., as the committee.

Rep. Russell, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Book of the Order be placed in the possession of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire during the session.

The Chair laid upon the table the sealed proposals received for printing the Journal, which were referred to the Committee on Printing.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and a protest of that Grand Lodge, which were referred.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Russell, of N. N. Y., presented a series of resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., presented a petition for a Grand Lodge charter for the State of California, accompanied by a letter alluding to the condition of the Order in that State, and moved their reference to a special committee.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to refer the petition to the Committee on Petitions.

The question being on the reference to the Committee on Petitions, it was agreed to.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to bring before that body the necessity existing for the adoption of appropriate forms for opening and closing Degree Lodges, and that they urge the adoption of such ceremonies at the earliest date possible.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives be furnished with an attested copy of these resolutions, to be by them laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to refer the communication to a special committee, which was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Hackleman, of Ind., Small, of S. N. Y., and Williamson, of Ky., as the committee.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, being in the nature of instructions to the Representatives of that body:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to propose, advocate, and urge the adoption—

1st. Of a reform in the financial affairs of that body—1st. The use of the funds, stocks, and claims of that body to the defraying of its current and legislative expenses until it shall have been exhausted.

2d. That after the present fund of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall have been absorbed, that a direct tax shall be levied upon State Grand Lodges and Encampments, based upon the representation in that body, to be levied annually, or at each session, and based upon the probable actual sum required annually to defray the expenses.

2d. Of a material reduction in the charges for printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, bringing it down to as nearly cost value as practicable.

3d. To advocate a reform and change in the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the entire remodelling, even to the adoption of a new constitution. The prominent principles to be—

1st. Clearly, positively, and accurately defining the powers, privileges, and rights of that body, restraining it to what is expressed, reserving all powers not guarantied that body to State jurisdictions.

2d. In defining the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States that it be constituted only a high court of appeals, having no control over the constitution, laws, and legislation of State Grand Bodies, except of a revisory character, then only on appeals.

3d. Reorganize its legislative department that the representation shall be in ratio of constituency, guarantying to each Grand Body one Representative, additional ones in ratio of membership.

4th. Making the sessions biennial or triennial.

5th. To provide for a board of elective judicial officers (in case of biennial or triennial sessions) to meet at stated times to hear and determine upon appeals, grievances, granting of charters, &c. The proceedings had to be subject to the revision of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next subsequent sitting.

6th. To restrict the accumulation in the treasury of a fund beyond the amount actually required for annual expenses, to prohibit the dealing in or purchase of stocks, the loaning of money, the purchase of real estate, the holding of property of all kinds whatsoever, save only such as may be required in the offices and for the supply of Subordinate and State Bodies.

8th. To prohibit the ever establishing of a National Institution of any character whatever by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or having any interest whatever in any such.

4th. To exercise all influence possible to prevent the merging of the Subordinate and Encampment departments of the Order. To protest most emphatically against the violation or restriction by that body of the rights, powers, and privileges vested in us and by us in part delegated to our Subordinates.

5th. The recognition of the true source of all power and authority as being in the membership at large; that the sovereignty rests in them, and that the rights and powers of State Grand Bodies and of the Grand Lodge of the United States are only delegated ones.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., moved to lay the paper on the table.

The question being on the motion to lay on the table—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, called the yeas and nays, which were not ordered; and the motion to lay on the table recurring, it was adopted.

Rep. Crutcher, of Miss., presented certain resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, suggesting that the Degree of Rebekah be conferred on the widows of scarlet members of the Order, and moved their reference to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to.

Rep. Harmon, of Me., presented a petition from the Grand Lodge of Maine, touching its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., presented the following inquiries from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Lodge the right, under any circumstances, to decline admitting a visiting brother, either of its own or another jurisdiction, if he is correct in the usual forms required?

A brother leaves for California in good health, and while at the mines, by imprudence and exposure, contracts a disease from which he gets better, and has subsequently a relapse upon returning to the mines, from the effects of all which he is rendered incapable, on his return home, of following his usual employment: does, therefore, a member of the Order who risks his health in a different and more hazardous clime and occupation than when he joined the Order, and thereby contracts a disease, forfeit his claim to the benefits to which he would be entitled, in case of sickness, were he engaged in his ordinary occupation as provided by the by-laws of his lodge?

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Sire do proceed to call the several Grand Bodies subordinate to this, by States, and that the Representatives, upon such call, present such business as they may have in charge.

The States being called in conformity to the order just adopted—

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following propositions to amend the Rules of Order, which were laid on the table, under the rule:

Amend rule 16, as follows: Strike out all after the word "decided" and insert: "No further debate shall take place, and the vote shall be taken, first on any amendments that may be pending, and next on the final question."

Add to the rules as follows: "No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time: that is, an amendment, and an amendment to the amendment, and the question shall be first taken on the latter."

Strike out rule 37 as follows: The previous question cuts off all amendments.

Rep. Shaw, of La., presented two appeals from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"Has a Subordinate Lodge the right to grant leave of absence to the Noble Grand for the balance of a term, when such absence would embrace a longer period than a majority of nights of a term? and is a Noble Grand, having such leave of absence, entitled to the honors awarded for past official service?"

"Can a lodge reconsider a ballot on the election of a brother by card, and reballot on the same at a future meeting?"

Rep. Shaw, of La., asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to refer the following inquiry to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"Is there any law to prevent the Noble Grand from delivering the Junior Past Grand's charge at an initiation, in case there be no Past Grand to perform that duty? and cannot the Vice Grand deliver the same charge in case of the absence of his Noble Grand and a Past Grand?"

Rep. Shaw, of La., presented the following invitation from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was unanimously accepted:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY R. W. G. LODGE OF LOUISIANA,

NEW ORLEANS, SEPT. 1, 1852.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

At a regular meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, held August 17th, 1852, Deputy Grand Master Dunlap offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby, respectfully invited to attend and participate in the ceremony of dedicating the Odd-Fellows' Hall of this city, which dedication will take place on the 22d of November next.

Fraternally,

A true copy. T. H. SHIELDS, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to refer the following inquiry to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Lodge the power to hold adjourned meetings, or must the weekly session end with the closing of the lodge?

Rep. Race, of La., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Louisiana be and she is hereby authorized to amend her constitution in the manner following, viz:

Amend article vi. section 3, by striking out the word *fifteen*, in the third line, and inserting the word *five*.

Article vi. section 4, by striking out the word *fifteen*, and inserting the word *five*, and add to the same section, after the words "*paid for relief*," the following, viz. "and any encampment failing to comply with the requirements contained in sections 3 and 4 of this article shall be fined ten dollars for each failure:"

Article iii. section 3, by striking out the whole section and substituting therefor the following, viz:

"The nomination and election of each elective officer shall take place at the regular annual session in January, in the order of enumeration in section 1st of this article."

Rep. Mulford, of N. J., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Taylor, of N. J., presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session of 1849, appropriated the sum of eight thousand dollars for the purpose of relieving P. G. Sire Wildey, for which the Grand Lodge received certain securities, the revenue of which was to be used by P. G. Sire Wildey, and which, it appears, is wholly inadequate for his relief, and application having been made to the several Grand Bodies for assistance without a general response; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to ascertain the nature and value of the securities so held, and the revenue derived therefrom, and report to this body by Thursday.

The Chair named Reps. Taylor, of N. J., Seymour, of S. C., and Hunter, of Va., as the committee above provided for.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and are hereby instructed to endeavor to procure the passage of a law requiring all visiting and withdrawal cards issued to express the degree or rank of the recipient.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved,* That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to allow members of Subordinate Lodges to obtain visiting cards upon application to the Secretaries and Noble Grands of their respective lodges, instead of in open lodge.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That hereafter the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this R. W. Grand Lodge shall be required, previous to his installation, to furnish good and sufficient bond to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, presented an appeal from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, various propositions from the Grand Lodge of Texas relating to the work of the Order, all of which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Steele, of N. C., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved,* That section 15, article 3, div. 3, of Digest, is in conflict with the powers conferred on the Vice Grand in the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wis., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on the State of the Order be and is hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing further appropriate opening and closing ceremonies to the Degree of Rebekah, and if deemed expedient to report such ceremonies at the present session. And that the same committee inquire into and report upon the expediency of making provision for the admission of ladies into the lodge room during the installation of officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

Also, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved,* That the price of the book of the degree of Rebekah be reduced to the sum of fifty cents for each number sold from and after the passage of this resolution.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be directed to place to the credit of each Grand Lodge or Subordinate under the direct jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge the sum of fifty cents for each copy of said book sold to such Grand or Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on the State of the Order be and they hereby are required to prepare and report a form of ceremonies for dedicating the halls of State Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

*Resolved,* That Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Body be and they are hereby authorized to confer the degree of Rebekah upon the widows and daughters of age of scarlet degree members, in their discretion.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That State Grand Bodies subordinate to this be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to permit the daughters of Rebekah to be present at the installation of officers.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be and they hereby are instructed to prepare an appropriate work of the Order in connexion with the degree of Rebekah.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he hereby is required to procure the degree of Rebekah to be printed in the German language for the use of our German brethren.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That all amendments to the constitution of this Grand Lodge, presented at the last session, be made the special order for to-morrow at one o'clock, and for every day thereafter until disposed of, and that the same be taken up in the order of the several articles of the constitution, and all amendments to each article be considered in such order.

Rep. Anners, of Pa., submitted the following inquiry, which was, by general consent, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has the Noble Grand or Secretary the power to give a travelling card to a brother, under any circumstances, unless the same be applied for in open lodge?

Rep. Vansant, of Md., presented the appeal of Franklin Lodge, of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Askew, of Del., submitted the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend article 22 of constitution, as amended at the last session, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting "thirty."

Rep. Askew, of Del., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., presented the petition of the Subordinate Lodges of Minnesota, praying for a Grand Lodge charter, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure and furnish to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under this jurisdiction a book of diagrams of the work of the Order, relating to their respective branches, and that said Grand Lodges and Encampments shall be furnished the same at the original cost.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which, by unanimous consent, was considered and adopted, and the papers referred as recommended by the committee.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the applications of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, and San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, respect-

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fully report, that as said petitioners seek relief in matters of financial interest only, it would therefore more properly fall to the consideration of the Committee on Finance.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
R. J. NEWBY,
W. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Crickard, of La., was excused from service on the Committee on Finance, and the Chair named Rep. Shaw, of La., to supply the vacancy.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—Nine o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Askew, of Del., presented the credentials of Rob. H. Clarke, of Del., which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary made his usual Annual Report, the reading of which was dispensed with, and two thousand copies thereof ordered to be printed. The report is as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in conformity to law, herewith submits the Annual Report of his office. The following resolutions embody the several subjects of duty enjoined upon him during the recess:

*Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due to P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin, for his efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Sire for the past two years, and for the able, impartial, urbane, and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during its sessions.

*Resolved further*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to present, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin, a diploma embodying on the face thereof the foregoing resolution, duly attested with the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signatures of the Grand Officers.—*Page* 1693 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Masters of the various Grand Lodges of this jurisdiction be requested, immediately after the receipt by them of this resolution, to issue notice to the various Subordinate Lodges, soliciting, for the relief of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, the contribution of a sum not exceeding one dollar from each Subordinate Lodge, and transmit the same directly to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, at Baltimore, at their earliest convenient time, to be appropriated by him to the payment of the debts due by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, for the erection of a hall, to an amount not to exceed $2,000, and the surplus, if any, to be remitted to said lodge, as trustee, for the sole and exclusive purpose of establishing a fund for the relief of travelling brothers in those far distant islands of the sea, and to be used for no other purpose.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions, at the earliest practicable moment, to the Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions, and also to the Subor-

dinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and request their early attention to the subject.—*Page* 1742 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses for a Portrait of Past Grand Sire Robert H. Griffin, when the same shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in the city of Baltimore.—*Page* 1752 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the members of this body be respectfully urged, at as early a date as possible, to endeavor to obtain from the respective Grand Lodges of which they are members an annual appropriation of forty dollars, to continue during the life of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, and to be applied to his support.

*Resolved*, That in the event of such appropriation being made by any Grand Lodge, such Grand Lodge be requested to have the same paid over to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and by him the amounts so received shall be paid over to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.—*Page* 1754 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to address a circular letter to each Grand Master under this jurisdiction, requesting them to refer the subject of the foregoing report and resolutions to their respective Grand Lodges.

*Resolved*, That a select committee of three be appointed for the purpose of reviewing and accepting, if approved by them, the Index to the Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now in course of preparation, under the order of the last session.

*Resolved*, That said committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such amount of compensation to the author of said Index as in their judgment the same may be worth, not exceeding, however, the sum of $500.

*Resolved*, That said committee also contract for the new engravings for the work, referred to in the above report, and have power to sit during the recess, and that the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to them the same mileage and per diem now allowed to Grand Representatives, upon the certificate of the Grand Secretary; provided, however, that per diem shall not be allowed for a longer time than one week, or mileage be charged for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting and back again for one time only.—*Page* 1755 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Recording Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to procure forthwith a set of full bound books—to open them by double-entry—to keep separate accounts with Odes, Cards, Diplomas, each kind of Degree, Working and other Books—showing their cost, receipts for sale, the number printed, and the number disposed of—also, nominal accounts with Charters, Representative Tax, Subordinate Tax, &c.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he hereby is directed to take immediate steps to collect the amounts reported as due on schedule A, and to prefer charges against any and all of the individuals there named in the lodge to which they respectively belong, in the event of their neglect or refusal to pay the amounts they have collected for this Grand Lodge.—*Page* 1780 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed —— copies of the digest of the rules, for the use of the members of this body.—*Page* 1782 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish a copy of the revised edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its foundation to and including the present session, to the members of this Grand Lodge, (as soon as the same have been published,) whenever called for.—*Page* 1783 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have the drawing of the seal designed for the block of marble, &c. placed in a suitable frame, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for cost of the same.—*Page* 1785 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure Regalia for the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.—*Page* 1788 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure desks and chairs for this hall, for the use of such of the Representatives from State Grand Lodges and Encampments as are now without them.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to have all pending amendments to the Constitution arranged and printed in the same form as those used at this session, and ready for use at the opening of the session of 1852.—*Page* 1790 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary notify the various Encampments of the change in the O. B. N. of that degree.—*Page* 1796 *Journal.*

*Resolved*, That the price of the bound volume, to be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, of the Ladies' Degree, shall be fixed at one dollar, and that as soon as printed and bound the Grand Secretary shall furnish them to Grand Lodges at that price.—*Page* 1808 *Journal.*

The first and second resolutions have been complied with, and the distinguished brother, to whom the compliment has been so deservedly tendered by the Grand Lodge, has been placed in possession of a diploma, "embodying on the face of it the unanimous vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States," prepared in handsome style of penmanship.

Soon after the close of the last session the Corresponding Secretary prepared a circular, in comformity with the directions of the third and fourth resolutions, embodying the enactment therein contained, by which the aid of the Order at large was invoked in behalf of our distant brethren of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the Sandwich Islands. This circular was addressed to the Grand Masters of the various State jurisdictions, and also to the several Subordinate Lodges under this immediate jurisdiction. It is a source of the most unfeigned gratification to the undersigned to report that the appeal thus made, for the purpose of enabling our brethren of that jurisdiction to erect an "Odd-Fellows' Hall," has been responded to with a liberality and promptitude characteristic of the true principles of Odd-Fellowship, and in the highest degree creditable to the Order at large. The amount received has been carried to the credit of a fund denominated the "Honolulu Hall Fund," and amounts to the sum of $1,121.50, up to September 1, 1852.

The several amounts contributed, and the lodges by which contributed, with their respective names and location, forming a detailed interesting table, is herewith submitted for the information of the Grand Lodge, for the satisfaction of the donors, and that it may appear upon the record as a bright example to our posterity of the practical fruits of an affiliation which has never yet wearied in its ministrations upon the altar of an enlarged humanity.

These resolutions direct that the several contributions for this object, when received by the Corresponding Secretary, "shall be appropriated by him to the payment of the debts due by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, for the erection of a hall, to an amount not to exceed $2,000, and the surplus, if any, to be remitted to said lodge, as trustee, for the sole and exclusive purpose of establishing a fund for the relief of travelling brothers in those far distant islands of the sea, and to be used for no other purpose." The trust thus committed to the Corresponding Secretary has not been discharged: first, because the funds contributed reached the hands of that officer in sums so small as would have rendered it, in his judgment, unwise and difficult to remit as received by him; and secondly, because it was believed by that officer

that it would be fruitless to transmit any portion of this fund, unless there was good assurance that the whole amount needed, or at least a very considerable portion of it, could be supplied. For these and other reasons the undersigned preferred paying over to the Treasurer this fund, as received, which that officer, although not required by the law to take charge of, kindly consented to receive. This fund is now in his hands, and the undersigned suggests that the Grand Lodge provide, at its present session, for its proper disposition.

In obedience to the fifth resolution the undersigned has certified to the Treasurer the receipt of the portrait of P. G. Sire Robert H. Griffin, at his office, executed most faithfully by an artist of the city of New York; and that officer has accordingly paid the sum of one hundred dollars appropriated for that object.

The subject of the sixth, seventh, and eighth resolutions has had, as it deserved, the prompt attention of the Corresponding Secretary. A circular letter, embodying the report of the committee with the accompanying resolutions, was addressed, at an early day after the adjournment of the last session, to each of the Grand Masters of the State jurisdictions, earnestly pressing the claims and services of the venerable P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, upon their attention. I have to regret that favorable responses have been received but from a few of the State Grand Lodges. The following comprise all that have contributed to the object so eloquently advocated by the report of the committee, making in the aggregate a subscription of but $230, to wit: Louisiana, $40; Illinois, $40; British North America, $50; Missouri, $40; South Carolina, $40; Arkansas, $20. The amount received has been paid to P. G. Sire Wildey, as directed by the eighth resolution, vouchers for which accompany this report. It is understood that the States of Maryland and Texas have also appropriated for this object, but these contributions have not yet been received.

The ninth, tenth, and eleventh resolutions provide for the appointment of a committee for the purpose of revising the Index to the new edition of the Journal, the payment of the compensation appropriated for that object, the supply of new engravings for the work, and mileage and per diem for said committee whilst engaged in the performance of their duties. These resolutions also provide that the Grand Corresponding Secretary shall certify to the number of days attendance and mileage of said committee. The latter provision is strictly all that concerned the undersigned, yet believing it to be his duty, in the possible contingency of that committee making no report in the early part of the session, to explain the reasons of the delay in the production of the new edition of the Journals, he begs to be permitted to say, tha the preparation of the Index, as he advised the Grand Lodge at the last session, was committed to the hands of the M. W. Grand Sire, William W. Moore, and that the magnitude of the work, in view of the precision and great accuracy necessary to render it a valuable production, has caused, notwithstanding the diligent labor of the author, a very considerable delay; yet the greater delay, by far, has been occasioned by the resolution directing the annexation of the proceedings of the last session

to the work, and the supply of entire new engravings. The preparation of the Index was necessarily delayed to await the stereotyping and publication of the Journal of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the necessity of sending the portraits and daguerreotype likenesses of the Past Grand Sires on to New York, in which city the engravings were contracted to be executed, further procrastinated the completion of the work. The committee to whom the revision of the work was entrusted having determined not to incur the expense authorized, by meeting at Baltimore or some other place for the purpose of examining the manuscript, it became necessary to transmit the Index by mail, as it was prepared and ready for the press, to their respective residences for their examinination, and hence further delay was superinduced. Under all these adverse circumstances, nevertheless, two volumes of the new work, it is confidently believed, will be on the desks of the Officers and Representatives during the present session. The undersigned submits that the labor attendant upon the preparation of this Index, and the general supervision and correction of the entire proof sheets of the work, is but inadequately compensated by the appropriation of the last session.

The twelfth resolution directs the Corresponding Secretary to open a new set of books by double entry, and to keep separate accounts with Odes, Cards, Diplomas, &c. This resolution the undersigned has essayed to obey, although he confesses that, in his judgment, it is impossible to assimilate the accounts of his office strictly to those of a commercial house. The business transactions of the Grand Lodge of the United States are peculiar to itself, and the habit of the various Grand Bodies of deferring the larger amount of their payment until the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States has commenced, and, in fact, often to a late period in the session, all of which payments are included in the investigations and report of the Finance Committee, render it utterly impracticable for the Corresponding Secretary to balance his books, and to exhibit a balance sheet in time for the Committee on Finance. The plan heretofore adopted has, by reason of its simplicity, always commended itself to the undersigned, and, with the addition of a stock account, would, it seems, exhibit a clear statement of the revenue of the lodge and the real fiscal condition of the body at every session. That plan has been to enter upon the journal every transaction of the day, whether Dr. or Cr., and to post these entries from the journal to a ledger, in which an account is opened with each Grand and Subordinate Body to whom supplies are furnished, these transactions being for the most part for cash. The balances appearing upon this ledger are exhibited by a statement accompanying the Annual Report, and from what bodies due; and a detailed statement of all sums received, from whom received, and for what object, likewise appears. Thus the amount received, and amount due, is at once seen, to which, if the invested capital, consisting of public securities, loans, and stock on hand, be added, a correct view of the assets of the body may at once be had. In addition to which, the whole Order, and every department, whether Grand or Subordinate Bodies, having transactions with this office, have before them at each

Annual Session a detailed printed account of all moneys paid by them, so that if error or design operate to prejudice their money relations with the Grand Lodge of the United States, the means of detection and correction are at once within their reach. The plan now directed contemplates a system of double entry, with separate accounts for every article of supply bought or sold from this office, "showing their cost, receipts for sale, the number printed, and the number disposed of; also, nominal accounts with charters, representative tax, &c." The only gain to the lodge by the substitution of this plan, if it were strictly practicable, in view of the peculiar mode and time of receiving the larger part of your returns, it appears to the undersigned, would be in the fact that the stock account and its relative profit and loss would appear. If the receipts of the office were made during the fiscal year, as they are made in commercial houses, from time to time, up to a given day, when leisure was at hand to post the accounts and exhibit a balance sheet, no difficulty could exist; but when it is recollected, that out of an average revenue of $12,000 per annum nearly one-half of the whole is paid during the session, it will be found to be wholly impracticable for the Grand Secretary to post his books in season for the Committee on Finance. The undersigned has, nevertheless, obeyed the order of the last session, as far as it was possible to comply, and will present his fiscal accounts, including a stock account, showing the cost and sale price respectively.

The thirteenth resolution directs the Corresponding Secretary to take immediate steps to collect the amounts reported as due in schedule A, and to prefer charges against any and all individuals, in the lodges to which they respectively belong, in the event of their neglect or refusal to pay. In obedience to this resolution, the undersigned, on the 5th day of March, 1852, addressed a circular letter to each individual in debt to the Grand Lodge of the United States, enclosing a copy of the above resolution, and earnestly inviting his attention to the subject. No reply has been received to these communications, except from Bro. Charles H. Constable, late District Deputy Grand Sire for Illinois, expressing his readiness to settle, without delay, his accounts, if certain credits claimed to be due him were allowed. Having no authority to allow the credits claimed, the correspondence upon the subject is respectfully submitted. Believing that a reasonable delay was proper to be allowed to the parties concerned, before carrying into effect the direction contained in the latter part of the resolution, to wit, to prefer charges against the delinquents, I have not proceeded further than to notify them of your purpose in that respect.

The duty imposed by the fourteenth resolution has not been performed, in consequence of the non-receipt of the manuscript copy of the Digest of the Rules of Order from the committee to whom the subject was committed.

The failure of the undersigned to receive the revised edition of the Journal has prevented him from a compliance with the fifteenth resolution; so soon as the work is received the copies designated will be distributed, in conformity with the resolution, if it be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

The drawing of the seal designed for the block of marble contributed by the Grand Lodge to the Washington Monument has been placed in a suitable frame, and is now suspended in the office of the Corresponding Secretary; the cost of which has been liquidated, as directed by the sixteenth resolution, and proper vouchers for which will appear in the Grand Treasurer's report.

The seventeenth resolution has been complied with, and the new regalia is now in possession of the Grand Lodge.

The eighteenth resolution has also been complied with, and the additional desks and chairs therein ordered have been furnished, of the same style and quality as those now in use, and at the same price.

In obedience to the nineteenth resolution, I herewith submit a printed schedule of the pending amendments to the constitution, arranged in juxtaposition with the respective articles of the constitution proposed to be amended, for the convenience of the Representatives.

At an early day after the close of the last session, the undersigned addressed a circular letter to the various Grand Encampments, as directed by the twentieth resolution, notifying them of the change in the O. B. N of that branch of the Order.

The twenty-first resolution refers to the printing and distribution of the lecture book of the degree of Rebekah, adopted at the last session That work was not in hand, ready for distribution, until the 6th day of December, 1851, when it was immediately distributed, to the most remote jurisdictions first, in order that it might be put in operation simultaneously throughout the Order on the first day of January, 1852. at the price of one dollar, as prescribed in the resolution. The first edition put to press was three thousand copies, which being very soon exhausted, a second edition of a like number was accordingly ordered, of which there remained less than one half on hand at the time of the preparation of this report, which will be, doubtless, further reduced during the session.

The usual official correspondence has been voluminious during the past year, all of which is herewith submitted, and from which the undersigned presents the following abstract:

*Great Britain.*—A communication, dated London, April 30, 1852 and signed "on behalf of the Central Corresponding Delegate Committee of England," by P. G. M. L. M. Clogg, P. G. M. P. L. Mair, and P. G. P. L. M. F. Wood, Corresponding Secretary, has been received at this office, addressed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which earnestly advocates a union of that Order with this jurisdiction. This paper purports to be the act of a committee authorized by a Delegate Meeting of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England, which meeting, it is alleged, represented two hundred and thirty-three thousand Odd-Fellows. The circumstances connected with the severance of the Order in the two countries are of record, and fresh, doubtless, in the recollections of the Brotherhood. The Grand Lodge of the United States, prompted by the most generous impulses of humanity, and at a very considerable expense, sent across the Atlantic a special delegation for the purpose of identifying the work of Odd-Fellowship throughout the Earth. The Order in Great Britain, repre-

sented by the Manchester Unity, did not meet that magnanimous motive in a kindred spirit. Upon the return of your delegates you promptly declared for a severance of the Union; that divorce still continues, and a branch of the Brotherhood in England now approach you suggesting a renewal of fraternal relations. This organization is known in that country as the "London Order of Odd-Fellows," and is wholly independent of the Manchester Unity, the only body of Odd-Fellows with which the Grand Lodge of the United States ever held fellowship in England. With the London Order we have never affiliated, having always recognised the various organizations of Odd-Fellows in England, outside of the Manchester Unity, as schismatic. In the judgment of the undersigned, if Odd-Fellowship, as practised in the London Order, bears any resemblance to that of the Manchester Unity, of which fact he cannot permit himself to doubt, a union with such an organization of Odd-Fellows is in no way desirable; and the single condition upon which such a proposition would deserve notice, would be the adoption by that Order of the entire work of the Order as practised in this jurisdiction, and the substitution of the elevated moral of the American Order for the conviviality which characterize the lodge meetings throughout England. In other words, a conformation to the relation which our English brethren, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British North America, bear towards us, in all respects, ought to be a *sine qua non* in the consideration of this subject. The papers relating to this application are herewith submitted, and it is respectfully suggested that the subject might be appropriately referred to the Grand Lodge of British North America.

*British North America.*—No communication during the recess has been received from the Grand Lodge of British North America. The undersigned had, however, the pleasure of a conference with J. Maclaren, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, duly accredited as such by the Grand Sire of that jurisdiction. This distinguished brother visited the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, and upon his return home, in a communication dated Quebec, Canada East, 24th February, 1852, begs the undersigned to express to the brethren of those two cities "his sincere thanks for the great kindness shown him, and for the interchange of fraternal sentiments and valuable information afforded him." The same communication conveys the agreeable information, that, "although the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British North America does not present the same noble aspect which it exhibits in the United States," yet the writer "is happy to say that there are yet some noble spirits among the brethren in Canada, and it only requires a more intimate communication with our American brethren to catch a spark of the fire that burns so brightly with them." Accompanying this communication a series of resolutions, unanimously passed by the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, appropriating fifty dollars in aid of the "Wildey Annuity," together with a draft for that amount, were also received. In view of the apparently feeble condition of the Order in British North America, it would seem to be the duty of the Grand Lodge of the United States to make an effort to inspire the Brotherhood in that jurisdiction with renewed

energy. To this subject the attention of the Representatives is earnestly invited.

*Michigan.*—The Order in Michigan continues to be in the highest degree prosperous.

*Vermont.*—The report of the present efficient District Deputy Grand Sire for Vermont states "that the Subordinate Lodges are generally in a very healthy condition and are increasing, but the encampment branch of the Order does not succeed so well." I herewith submit a communication from the late District Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. Eli Ballou, touching his accounts.

*Maine.*—The efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. Kingsbury, has, during the year, corresponded with this office, and I have but little doubt, from the supplies obtained, that the Subordinates of that State are in a prosperous condition. The Grand Lodge of the State is making an honorable effort to free herself from indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for which purpose she asks a reasonable indulgence, which, it is to be hoped, will be granted, in view of her embarrassed financial condition.

*Massachusetts.*—I have to reiterate the report made at the last session in relation to this jurisdiction. The average strength of the Order continues in both branches, and general health prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

*New Hampshire.*—From this State the correspondence has been exclusively of a business character, from which I infer that the Order is advancing.

*Rhode Island.*—There has been no official correspondence with this Grand Lodge during the year; from the Annual Report I learn that the Order continues to prosper throughout the State.

*Connecticut.*—Odd-Fellowship in this State is prosperous under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; but the patriarchal department appears to have been sadly neglected. Bro. Lucius F. Thomas, Past Grand Representative, has been chosen Grand Scribe, and has been exerting himself, with great earnestness, to reanimate the Order in that branch, and from his characteristic zeal and perseverance much is to be expected.

*New York.*—The Order in both jurisdictions appears to enjoy a reasonable degree of prosperity; in the Northern Grand Lodge a large increase of lodges and accession of membership has taken place.

*Pennsylvania.*—In the absence of the Annual Report of that vast jurisdiction, the materials in the hands of the undersigned are entirely too meager to justify any attempt to define the condition of the Order in that State. Enough is known, however, to assure the brotherhood that the progress of the Order continues to be unabated, and the increase of lodges and membership is co-extensive with that of the past year.

*New Jersey.*—The highest degree of prosperity prevails in both branches of the Order in this State, and to the untiring and self-sacrificing energy of the late Grand Master, Joseph Wood, of that jurisdiction, the Order owes a lasting obligation. This efficient officer visited nearly every lodge in the State in person during his term of office.

*Delaware.*—The Order continues to advance with healthful steps in Delaware.

*Maryland.*—In no part of our extended jurisdiction does Odd-Fellowship occupy a prouder position than in Maryland. Peace and the most abundant prosperity prevails within her borders.

*District of Columbia.*—Odd-Fellowship continues to enjoy a healthful existence in this jurisdiction, and maintains its usual strength. The Annual Report is received.

*Virginia.*—The return from Virginia presents a gratifying condition of the Order, showing, in the language of the Worthy Grand Master, "a steady increase of numbers as well as peace and happiness within the jurisdiction."

*North Carolina.*—Odd-Fellowship advances in both departments, and the spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevails within the State.

*South Carolina.*—In this jurisdiction a healthy condition of the Order is preserved, and, although the increase is not commensurate with its growth in former years, Odd-Fellowship maintains its elevated position in South Carolina.

*Georgia.*—In Georgia the Order prospers and increases in both branches.

*Florida.*—Since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Florida but little correspondence has been had with the Grand Officers. There are six Subordinates at work within the State, all of which are believed to be in a prosperous condition. The encampment branch, under the jurisdiction of District Deputy Grand Sire Papy, has not as yet been reported from.

*Mississippi.*—I am again indebted to that indefatigable Odd-Fellow, and most efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. John B. Dicks, for his usual annual report of the condition of the Order in Mississippi, of which he writes, under date of July 28, 1852, "I am pleased to say that there is a steady progress of the Order in this jurisdiction, and unusual harmony prevails." I am also in receipt of the report of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, from Grand Scribe Vennigerholz.

*Alabama.*—From the Annual Report, received from this State, it appears that the Order continues to advance in Alabama. There has been six new lodges instituted during the year.

*Louisiana.*—Odd-Fellowship continues to move forward with unabated strength in this State. The Brotherhood in New Orleans have erected a magnificent hall, for the accommodation of the lodges and encampments in that city, and have also, for several years past, interred their deceased members in a cemetery exclusively consecrated as a final resting place for their own membership.

*Missouri.*—To that zealous Odd-Fellow, G. Secretary J. M. Veitch, of this jurisdiction, I am indebted for regular official correspondence. His last favor informs me that "Missouri is all right. Lodges and membership increasing steadily, if not rapidly; our last number is 54, at Oregon."

*Illinois.*—From the limited advices from this State enough is gleaned to enable me to report the Order in a most healthful and prosperous condition.

*Indiana.*—It is with great pleasure that I present to the Representatives a gratifying picture of the condition of Odd-Fellowship in Indiana, in both branches. At the late session of the Grand Lodge of that State charters were granted to eight new lodges, the last number being 118. The Grand Encampment has been no less prosperous, having thirty Subordinates at work, and is entitled, at this session, to one additional Representative, who will be present. The Order in this jurisdiction is, in all respects, in a most flourishing condition. The membership now reaches 5,111.

*Ohio.*—The efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Bro. Alexander E. Glenn, in transmitting the Annual Report of that vast jurisdiction, remarks, "that it affords him the most unfeigned gratification to assure me that Odd-Fellowship in Ohio is in a most prosperous, flourishing, and harmonious condition. Never was it more so. We have added largely to our numbers, and the Order has been the means of extending great relief to the needy and distressed." The increase of lodges during the year has been seventeen, and of members nearly two thousand.

*Kentucky*—The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, made in due season, exhibits a gratifying increase of the Order in that jurisdiction.

*Tennessee.*—But little information has been received of the progress of the Order in this State. There can be no doubt, however, from the former active administration of its affairs in that jurisdiction, and the efficiency of its Grand Officers and Representatives, that Odd-Fellowship has had a season of prosperity in Tennessee during the past year.

*Arkansas.*—The Grand Lodge of this State has had a respectable accession of strength to her Subordinates since the last Annual Report. District Deputy Grand Sire James M. Danley has attentively supervised the Patriarchal branch in that jurisdiction, and promptly transmitted their returns. I regret to report that this worthy brother declines to serve another year as District Deputy Grand Sire for that district.

*Wisconsin.*—In this State the Order is in the highest degree prosperous. Grand Master Wakely represents the Order "to be flourishing, with fifty-eight lodges in active operation."

*Iowa.*—I have great pleasure in reporting that the Grand Encampment of this State, after a delay of more than one year, has at length been organized under the most flattering auspices. It will be seen, from the report of District Deputy Grand Sire Amos Mathews, that it became necessary to reclaim the charter of State Encampment, No. 3, of that State, for refusal to settle their dues with the Grand Lodge of the United States, more than two years arrears. The charter, books, and funds (to wit, $20) were transmitted to this office, to await the disposition of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It is respectfully recommended that the funds be paid over to the Grand Encampment of Iowa, to be restored to State Encampment, if, at any time hereafter, said camp should be re-established. The Subordinates under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa are all in prosperous circum-

stances. District Deputy Grand Sire Amos Mathews claims indemnity for expenses incurred in reclaiming charter of State Encampment, which being but just and reasonable, payment is respectfully recommended. The amount asked is $10.

*Texas.*—The report of the Grand Lodge of Texas exhibits a high degree of prosperity in that jurisdiction. There are now twenty-three Subordinate Lodges at active work in the State, whose aggregate membership exceeds six hundred. When it is recollected that the Order struggled for many years, with a bare existence, in that remote region, the progress now exhibited will be more fully appreciated. Herewith an application is presented for an additional encampment in that State.

*Sandwich Islands.*—Two reports have been received from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Oahu, from which it appears that the lodge consists of sixty-eight members; that the receipts for these terms were $596.11, and the expenditures for relief $370.00; the whole of which, it is represented, was disbursed for "brothers of the Order not members of the lodge." This information, it is hoped, may serve to quicken the action of the lodges in the United States which have not yet contributed to the "Honolulu Hall Fund."

*Oregon.*—Since your last session application has been received for the organization of a lodge to be located at Salem, Marion County, Oregon Territory, to be called "Chenieketa" Lodge, No. 1. This application has been granted, and the deputation to institute it committed to P. G. E. M. Barnum, of that city, whose qualification was properly avouched. It will be recollected that a charter was formerly granted for Oregon Lodge, No. 1, at Oregon city, but the Lodge was never opened, and the warrant never heard of.* This, therefore, is the first lodge in that distant Territory. The applicants represent that "Salem is the seat of government of the Territory, and that a numerous and healthy lodge will in a short time be built up in that city."

*California.*—I am in possession of a fund of varied information from this State, all of which tends to one conclusion, that for want of proper information and instruction, the Order, although numerous and prosperous, is sadly benighted, so far as the proper conduct of the work is concerned. It will be recollected that at the session of 1848 A. V. Fraser was appointed D. D. G. Sire for the Pacific coast, with plenipotentiary power to institute lodges in that region of country. This brother came to the Grand Lodge of the United States highly recommended from the District of Columbia, having for several years been connected with the Treasury Department. He was the appointee of the Government to the command of the revenue service in that part of the Pacific Ocean. A brother of high character, occupying a high official position, and a devoted Odd-Fellow, the Grand Lodge gladly availed itself of his generously proffered services, to spread the blessings of Odd-Fellowship throughout this interesting part of the Union. He was duly commissioned with full power to establish the Order on the Pacific coast, and supplied with blank warrants, books, and every necessary material to carry out the purpose of his mission. California

* By a report recently received from D. D. G. Sire Fraser it appears that this warrant was used for Excelsior Lodge, Honolulu, now cancelled and returned by him.

Lodge, No. 1, was alone instituted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, directly. From the period of this appointment, and the embarkation of this brother, no official return was received until very recently, although rumors had frequently reached this office that lodges of Odd-Fellows had been established in various parts of the State of California. The Corresponding Secretary is in receipt of a communication from Special District Deputy Grand Sire Fraser, dated at New York on the 18th day of July last, from which he learns that that officer had been earnestly engaged in the spread of our Order in that country, and that he had established several lodges, a full report of which he would make to your present session. The undersigned also received the balance of the supplies remaining on hand from that officer, a schedule of which is herewith presented. During this year the undersigned has received reports and communications from several lodges and individuals in this State, not yet recognised for want of returns from the District Deputy Grand Sire. It will become necessary, in the continued absence of such returns, for the Grand Lodge to adopt some measure to protect the lodges claiming to belong to our jurisdiction, of whose organization by your authority no official report has yet been received. I herewith also report an interesting letter from Brother Samuel H. Parker, formerly a Grand Representative of New Hampshire, now a citizen of California. It will be seen, from a perusal of that communication, that this distinguished brother has not abated any of that devotion or zeal for the cause of Odd-Fellowship so earnestly displayed by him whilst a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States. He affectionately implores the attention of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the state of the Order in California, and suggests valuable advice. I respectfully commend this communication to your notice. I also herewith present several communications in the nature of complaints and petitions, also a communication from District Deputy Grand Sire Smily. I regret to say that no dues whatever, except the charter fee for California Lodge, No. 1, authorized directly by the Grand Lodge of the United States, have been received from any District Deputy Grand Sire, or any lodge whatever in the State of California; it nevertheless appears from their petitions that considerable sums have been paid by the lodges in that State, and they now earnestly, under the impression that the sums paid by them have found their way to your treasury, ask for the return of them, on the ground of their necessities. This subject requires investigation.

Since preparing the above, I am in receipt of an interesting report from District Deputy Grand Sire Fraser, herewith submitted.

*Minnesota.*—District Deputy Grand Sire John G. Potts, to whose care the Order in this Territory has been wisely committed by the Grand Sire, has furnished a highly gratifying and most interesting report of the healthy and prosperous condition of the Order in this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of the United States is under a lasting obligation to this indefatigable Odd-Fellow, for many valuable services heretofore rendered to the Order, but on no occasion more eminently so than for his earnest and persevering efforts in extending the Order into the distant country of Minnesota. His report of the opening of

Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, and his visitation to Minnesota, No. 1, at Stillwater, on Lake St. Croix, and St. Paul's, No. 2, at St. Anthony's Falls, is full of interest, and I commend it to your special attention. This officer has regularly transmitted the reports of the lodges and encampments under his jurisdiction, with their dues.

*New Mexico.*—I have to report that the Order is prosperous in this Territory. A report has been received of the organization of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, and Paradise Lodge, No. 2, at Santa Fe, together with the semi-annual return of the former Lodge. A proper application has also been received for the exaltation of seven scarlet degree members, preliminary to forming an encampment, the commission for which object was duly issued to District Deputy Grand Sire J. D. Ellis. Some dissatisfaction has manifested itself in this jurisdiction, touching the social habits and morals of that community. Several communications on this subject, together with the proceedings thereon, are herewith submitted. Complaints have also been made of the qualifications and administration of the District Deputy Grand Sire, which are also submitted. I also submit the defence and Annual Report of District Deputy Grand Sire Ellis, of that jurisdiction.

The Journal of the last session was distributed when received from the printer, in the ratio prescribed by law.

The Constitution, By-Laws, and printed Proceedings of State Grand Bodies, and of Subordinates under their immediate jurisdiction, received at this office during the recess, are submitted for your approval.

Warrants have been issued during the year, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, as follows:

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Iowa, at Muscatine.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Chenieketa, No. 1, Salem, Oregon.
Hennepin, No. 4, St. Paul's, Minnesota.
Paradise, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

Ancilla, No. 2, Monticello, Florida.

These applications, together with the returns of the organization of the new bodies, are herewith presented.

Herewith I present copies of the daily papers of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Cincinnati, containing the advertisement directed to be made, by resolution of September session, 1849, for sealed proposals for printing the Journals of this body, together with such proposals as have been received.

As required by the several laws regulating this department, the following statement exhibits "the receipts of this office, from what source, and for what object," during the fiscal year 1851-52. A supplementary table will be submitted during the session, showing the further receipts of the Corresponding Secretary from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive. The several amounts, in obedience to the provision on that subject, have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secr'y for the fiscal year* 1851–52

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1851. Sept. 17, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | Books. | $36 00 | 1 |
| " 22, | Grand Encampment of New Hampshire. | " | 1 00 | 5 |
| " 22, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | " | 12 00 | 6 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 36 00 | 8 |
| " 22, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 36 00 | 9 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Texas,..... | " | 24 00 | 10 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 40 00 | 12 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 12 00 | 13 |
| Oct. 13, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 40 00 | 20 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of British North America.. | " | 12 00 | 23 |
| Nov. 1, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 20 00 | 24 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 52 00 | 26 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 20 00 | 29 |
| " 24, | Grand Encampment of Kentucky..... | " | 12 00 | 34 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 25 00 | 35 |
| Dec. 6, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 1 00 | 36 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 2 00 | 37 |
| " 8, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 61 00 | 38 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 114 00 | 40 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 178 00 | 42 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 30 00 | 43 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 200 00 | 44 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 200 00 | 46 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 47 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 10 00 | 48 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 130 00 | 50 |
| 1852. Jan. 2, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 51 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 200 00 | 52 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 30 00 | 53 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Georgia..... | " | 50 00 | 54 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 40 00 | 56 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 58 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 7 00 | 59 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 1 00 | 61 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 44 00 | 62 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 64 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 65 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 66 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 26 00 | 67 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 31 50 | 68 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 60 00 | 69 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 70 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 4 00 | 72 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 74 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 460 00 | 75 |
| Feb. 2, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 76 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 77 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 20 00 | 78 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 94 00 | 79 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 30 00 | 80 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 100 00 | 81 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 50 00 | 82 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 20 00 | 83 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 30 00 | 84 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 30 00 | 85 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Feb. 14, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | Books. | $200 00 | 86 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 53 00 | 87 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 20 00 | 88 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 280 00 | 89 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 91 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 38 00 | 92 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 15 00 | 94 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Delaware,..... | " | 50 00 | 95 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 40 00 | 96 |
| Mar. 1, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 97 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of Alabama..... | " | 100 00 | 98 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas..... | " | 20 00 | 99 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 75 00 | 100 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 104 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 25 00 | 105 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 106 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 22 00 | 107 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 32 00 | 108 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 109 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 5 00 | 111 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 113 |
| April 5, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 100 00 | 116 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 90 00 | 118 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 120 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 120 00 | 122 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 30 00 | 123 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 124 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 53 00 | 125 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 20 00 | 129 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 8 00 | 130 |
| May 3, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 1 00 | 131 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 20 00 | 132 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 200 00 | 133 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | " | 100 00 | 135 |
| " 28, | Wm. H. Tutthill, of Iowa..... | " | 6 00 | 137 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 57 00 | 138 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 10 00 | 139 |
| June 3, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 80 00 | 142 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 3 00 | 143 |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 12 00 | 144 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 15 00 | 145 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Masachusetts..... | " | 24 00 | 147 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 20 00 | 149 |
| July 5, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 153 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas, (Digests,)..... | " | 4 50 | 154 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 50 00 | 155 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 50 00 | 157 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 159 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 40 00 | 160 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 110 00 | 163 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 167 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 55 00 | 168 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 90 00 | 169 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 32 00 | 170 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 130 00 | 171 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Aug. 5, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | Books. | $46 00 | 173 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 32 00 | 176 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 45 00 | 177 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 187 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 40 00 | 190 |
| | Total for books..... | | $6,310 00 | |
| 1851. Sept. 17, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | Cards. | $30 00 | 1 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 50 00 | 7 |
| " 22, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 15 00 | 9 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 14 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 16 |
| Oct. 9, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 18 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 10 00 | 19 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 10 00 | 20 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 50 00 | 22 |
| Nov. 1, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 50 00 | 24 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 30 00 | 25 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 27 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 30 00 | 28 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 29 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 50 00 | 30 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 5 00 | 31 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 15 00 | 33 |
| Dec. 6, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 50 00 | 36 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 37 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 | 40 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 45 00 | 41 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 15 00 | 45 |
| 1852. Jan. 7, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 70 00 | 53 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 50 00 | 56 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 57 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 50 00 | 60 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 10 00 | 63 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 74 00 | 67 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 60 00 | 69 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 40 00 | 71 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 73 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 60 00 | 75 |
| Feb 11, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 83 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 85 00 | 89 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 91 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 93 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 5 00 | 94 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 25 00 | 95 |
| Mar. 1, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 97 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 100 00 | 100 |
| " 8, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.... | " | 10 00 | 103 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 106 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 108 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 10 00 | 110 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 100 00 | 111 |
| Apr. 7, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 100 00 | 117 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 10 00 | 118 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Apr. 14, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | Cards. | $10 00 | 119 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 120 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 70 00 | 123 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 128 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 129 |
| May 6, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 60 00 | 133 |
| " 29, | D. D. G. Sire J. M. Danley, of Arkansas. | " | 10 00 | 140 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 141 |
| June 12, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 76 00 | 147 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 30 00 | 148 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 149 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 25 00 | 151 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 152 |
| July 5, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 30 00 | 153 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 13 20 | 154 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 50 00 | 157 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 100 00 | 158 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 20 00 | 153 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 161 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 167 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 70 00 | 168 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 30 00 | 169 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 35 00 | 171 |
| Aug. 9, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 15 00 | 175 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 150 00 | 177 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 50 00 | 181 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 183 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 190 |
| | Total..... | | $3,678 30 | |
| 1852. Mar. 4, | Chinieketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon Terr'y. | Charters. | $30 00 | 101 |
| " 8, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.... | " | 30 00 | 103 |
| " 29, | Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida.... | " | 30 00 | 112 |
| Apr. 26, | Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Minnesota..... | " | 30 00 | 127 |
| | Total..... | | $120 00 | |
| 1851. Sept. 22, | Rep. Colfax, of Indiana..... | Miscella's. | $15 00 | 3 |
| " 22, | Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana..... | " | 10 00 | 4 |
| Oct. 3, | Interest on Maryland State Stock..... | " | 49 12 | 17 |
| Dec. 16, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 1 00 | 45 |
| 1852. Jan. 8, | Interest on Maryland State Stock..... | " | 49 12 | 55 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 57 | 59 |
| Mar. 6, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 13 00 | 102 |
| Apr. 2, | Interest on Maryland State Stock..... | " | 49 12 | 115 |
| July 6, | State Encampment, No. 2, Iowa..... | " | 20 00 | 156 |
| " 24, | Interest on Maryland State Stock..... | " | 40 94 | 164 |
| | Total..... | | $247 87 | |
| 1851. Sept. 17, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | Balance. | $9 70 | 2 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Georgia..... | " | 18 00 | 11 |
| 1852. Feb. 23, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 50 00 | 88 |
| Aug. 23, | Grand Encampment of Connecticut..... | " | 76 37 | 185 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Aug. 31, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | Balance. | $54 00 | 192 |
| | Total..... | | $208 07 | |
| 1851. Sept. 17, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | Odes. | $3 00 | 1 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 7 50 | 7 |
| Nov. 15, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 3 00 | 27 |
| Dec. 9, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 12 | 40 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 5 00 | 41 |
| 1852. Jan. 13, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 6 00 | 62 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 4 00 | 71 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 30 00 | 75 |
| Feb. 3, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 6 00 | 78 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 30 00 | 83 |
| Mar. 29, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 3 00 | 113 |
| June 3, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 30 00 | 142 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 2 00 | 152 |
| July 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 2 30 | 154 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 6 00 | 161 |
| Aug. 18, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 9 37 | 181 |
| | Total..... | | $147 29 | |
| 1851. Sept. 22, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | Diplomas. | $2 00 | 6 |
| " 29, | J. J. Davies, Southern New York..... | " | 6 00 | 15 |
| Nov. 21, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 25 00 | 32 |
| " 29, | J. E. Chamberlain..... | " | 1 00 | 35 |
| Dec. 6, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 10 00 | 39 |
| " 6, | Centre Lodge, No. 40, Maryland..... | " | 1 00 | 39 |
| 1852. Mar. 17, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 105 |
| June 12, | J. J. Davies, Southern New York..... | " | 1 00 | 146 |
| July 21, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 12 00 | 163 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 16 00 | 169 |
| Aug. 9, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 15 00 | 175 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 50 00 | 177 |
| | Total..... | | $149 00 | |
| 1851. Oct. 21, | Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Iowa..... | Dues. | $12 20 | 21 |
| Dec. 26, | Puckechetuck Encampment, No. 7, Iowa. | " | 3 00 | 49 |
| 1852. Feb. 23, | Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt. | " | 3 30 | 90 |
| " 23, | Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vt..... | " | 6 00 | 90 |
| Apr. 1, | Puckechetuck Encampment, No. 7, Iowa. | " | 1 40 | 114 |
| " 1, | Eureka Encampment, No. 2, Iowa..... | " | 2 85 | 114 |
| " 1, | Iowa Encampment, No. 6, Iowa..... | " | 7 20 | 114 |
| " 1, | Good Samaritan Encampment, No. 5, Ioa. | " | 1 78 | 114 |
| " 1, | Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Iowa..... | " | 9 09 | 114 |
| " 1, | Halcyon Encampment, No. 1, Iowa..... | " | 6 54 | 114 |
| " 15, | Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas.... | " | 29 05 | 121 |
| " 15, | Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Arkansas. | " | 11 86 | 121 |
| " 15, | Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Ark'sas. | " | 8 55 | 121 |
| " 26, | Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota..... | " | 21 70 | 126 |
| " 26, | St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2..... | " | 43 41 | 126 |
| May 18, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 128 75 | 134 |
| June 12, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 1 30 | 146 |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
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| 1852. June 25, | John G. Potts Lodge, No. 3, Minnesota.. | Dues. | $24 60 | 150 |
| July 21, | Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas... | " | 6 15 | 163 |
| Aug. 3, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 44 67 | 172 |
| " 23, | Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vermont. | " | 4 00 | 184 |
| " 23, | Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt. | " | 6 80 | 184 |
| " 26, | Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota..... | " | 29 29 | 186 |
| " 26, | St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota..... | " | 18 84 | 186 |
| " 26, | Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota | " | 18 87 | 186 |
| | Total..... | | $451 20 | |
| 1852. May 28, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1852..... | Rep. Tax. | $100 00 | 136 |
| July 20, | Grand Lodge of Alabama, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 162 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Texas, 1852..... | " | 50 00 | 163 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 165 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, 1852.. | " | 50 00 | 166 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 171 |
| Aug. 6, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 174 |
| " 9, | Grand Encampment of Virginia, 1852... | " | 100 00 | 175 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina, 1852.... | " | 100 00 | 176 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 177 |
| " 12, | Grand Encampment of Maryland, 1852.. | " | 100 00 | 178 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana, 1852.. | " | 50 00 | 179 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Vermont, on acc't, 1852. | " | 80 00 | 180 |
| " 19, | Grand Encampment of Delaware, 1852... | " | 50 00 | 182 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Ohio, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 183 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 185 |
| " 23, | Grand Encampment of Connecticut, 1852. | " | 50 00 | 185 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1852..... | " | 50 00 | 189 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 191 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1852..... | " | 100 00 | 192 |
| | Total..... | | $1680 00 | |
| | Aggregate..... | | $12,991 73 | |

It will be seen from this report that there has been paid into the Treasury since the 17th September, 1851, up to September 1, 1852, inclusive, $12,991.73, which sum is the revenue proper of the fiscal year. The further sum of $1,125.50 has been received, but is applicable specially to the "Wildey" and "Honolulu Hall Funds," respectively, in the amounts indicated in the report. The balance in hand, per report of Committee on Finance, page 1778 Journal of last session, was $16,862.00; which, together with the revenue proper, up to September 1, 1852, forms an aggregate of $29,855,32 in the hands of the Treasurer during the year. Of this sum, up to September 1, 1852, the period when that officer's account was furnished to this office for comparison with the books of the Corresponding Secretary, he had disbursed, in payments for mileage, per diem, expenses and appropriations of last session, an amount which leaves a balance in his hands on that day of

$13,681.24, as appears per his report. This balance, together with the receipts from September 1, 1852, to the close of the session, usually large, will be applicable to such objects as your wisdom may direct.

It will be recollected that a part of the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, per report of Committee on Finance, consisted of $4,133.82, called drafts in transitu, received by the Corresponding Secretary from Grand Representatives during the session, on settlement of accounts. I have the pleasure to report that these drafts were duly paid, except in the case of the Grand Bodies of Tennessee and Maine, amounting in all to $1001.84. The amount due by Tennessee, to wit, $268.07, will doubtless be paid at the present session, and the amount due by Maine, to wit, $763.77, will be adjusted. Whilst on this subject, the undersigned begs to say, that, with every wish on his part to carry out strictly the law requiring cash payments, nevertheless instances often present themselves when he cannot avoid temporary indulgence to Grand Bodies, whose ability to discharge any debt incurred for supplies cannot for a moment be questioned. In this respect something must be left to the discretion of the Corresponding Secretary; and when the Grand Lodge is assurred that during a period of ten years past, out of a sale of supplies from this office exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, but a mere insignificant sum has been lost, there can be, it is thought, no great hazard in confiding this discretion to that officer. To the undersigned it will be a pleasure to conform to any order which the Grand Lodge may adopt upon the subject.

I submit herewith, in connexion with the finances, a stock account, showing the amount on hand on the 17th day of September, 1851, when the inventory was taken, the amount since received and sold, with net profit, and the amount on hand on the 1st day of September, 1852. The estimate of stock made by the committee at the last session, having been derived from a general examination made at the time, was only approximate. Upon a more particular examination, made after the session, the statement herewith submitted was made up, which, although differing in detail in some particulars, exceeds slightly the estimate of the committee in the aggregate.

No statement of the actual receipts can at this time be made, in comparison with the estimate of the Committee on Finance of the last session, by reason of the large amount to be received after the close of this report: that estimate was $14,311.37, which will doubtless be exceeded in the aggregate, although, in some instances, the actual amounts received to the credit of particular items, detailed in the report of the committee, vary essentially from the amount estimated. The proper comparison can only be made by the Committee on Finance of the present session when the receipts of the session are fully known.

The usual annual table, showing the condition and progress of the Order, is annexed, in an imperfect form, however, owing to the failure of many of the Grand Bodies to report.

The invested funds of the Grand Lodge consist of

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| Maryland six per cents. . . . . | $2,800.00 |
| Wildey loan, $8,000, less paid $1,758.59 . . . | 6,241.41 |
| | $9,041.41 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
*Cor. and R. Sec'ry.*

*Office C. and R. Sec'y of R. W. G. L. U. S.*
*Baltimore, September, 1852.*

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

*Supplies on hand September 17th, 1851, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September 1, 1852.*

| | Degree of Rebekah. | Cards. | Charge Books. | Degree Books. | Digests. | G. Encamp. Books. | S. Encamp. Books. | Institution Books. | Grand Lodge Books. | Diplomas. | Odes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stock on hand Sep. 17, 1851.... | .... | 42900 | 1487 | 920 | .. | 78 | 237 | 739 | 150 | 550 | 11800 |
| Stock received during the year.. | 6000 | 30150 | 10 | 10 | 37 | .. | 1028 | 8 | ... | 150 | 250 |
| Total..... | 6000 | 73050 | 1497 | 930 | 37 | 78 | 1265 | 747 | 150 | 700 | 12050 |
| Amount sold during the year... | 4734 | 38668 | 550 | 284 | 12 | 4 | 90 | 85 | ... | 199 | 5312 |
| Amount on hand Sep. 1st, 1852. | 1266 | 34382 | 947 | 646 | 25 | 74 | 1175 | 659 | 150 | 501 | 6738 |

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from Sept. 17th, 1851, to Sept. 1st, 1852, showing cost of article, selling price, and profits.*

| Number of each article sold. | Cost price. | Sold for. | Profits. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Degree of Rebekah, 4,734 copies..... | $524 00 | $4,734 00 | $4,210 00 |
| Charge Books, 550 copies..... | 88 00 | *1,088 00 | 1,000 00 |
| Degree Books, 314 copies..... | 50 24 | *616 00 | 565 76 |
| Encampment Books, 90 copies..... | 14 40 | *156 00 | 141 60 |
| Institution Books, 85 copies..... | 12 75 | *83 00 | 70 25 |
| Grand Encampment Books, 4 copies.. | 20 | 4 00 | 3 80 |
| Digest, 12 copies..... | 4 50 | 4 50 | ..... |
| Cards, 38,668..... | 435 00 | 3,866 80 | 3,431 80 |
| Diplomas, 199..... | 49 75 | 199 00 | 149 25 |
| Odes, 5,312..... | 26 56 | 159 29 | 132 73 |
| | $1,205 40 | $10,910 59 | $9,705 19 |

* This apparent discrepancy is occasioned by furnishing books for new Lodges and Encampments.

AMOUNT OF HONOLULU HALL FUND *received from September 17th, 1851, to September 1st, 1852.*

| | |
|---|---|
| From New Jersey | $75 00 |
| From Indiana | 122 00 |
| From Virginia | 56 00 |
| From Missouri | 8 00 |
| From Florida | 8 00 |
| From Wisconsin | 29 00 |
| From Delaware | 17 00 |
| From Ohio | 125 00 |
| From Southern New York | 105 00 |
| From District of Columbia | 10 00 |
| From Minnesota | 2 00 |
| From California | 2 00 |
| From New Mexico | 1 00 |
| From Maryland | 38 00 |
| From Iowa | 18 00 |
| From Connecticut | 74 00 |
| From Georgia | 64 50 |
| From Massachusetts | 205 00 |
| From North Carolina | 3 00 |
| From Northern New York | 155 00 |
| From Arkansas | 4 00 |
| Total | $1,121 50 |

AMOUNT OF WILDEY FUND AND ANNUITY *received from September 17, 1851, to September 1, 1852.*

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|---|---|
| *Wildey Fund.* | |
| From Florida | $1 00 |
| *Wildey Annuity.* | |
| From Virginia | $3 00 |

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of his office from September 17, 1851, to September 1, 1852:

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

*Amount of Receipts.*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1851. | |
| Sept. 17, To balance on hand | $16,862 59 |
| Sept. 17, To cash from Grand Secretary | 12,990 73 |
| Sept. 17, To Honolulu fund from Grand Secretary | 1,121 50 |
| Sept. 17, To Wildey fund from Grand Secretary | 1 00 |
| Sept. 17, To Wildey annuity from Grand Secretary | 3 00 |
| Total | $30,978 82 |

*Amount of Expenditures.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1851. | | |
| Sept. 19, | By cash for discount on uncurrent funds | $12 88 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to William W. Moore, as per diem and mileage | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to P. A. Hackleman, as per diem and mileage | 95 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to T. M. Abbett, as per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. H. Lewyt, as per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to Richard Marley, as per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Bayley, as per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Vansant, as per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to F. D. Stuart, as per diem and mileage | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Sessford, jr., as per diem and mileage | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. F. Bayley, of D. C., as per diem and mileage | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. W. Hale, as per diem and mileage | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to F. R. Chase, as per diem and mileage | 74 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Mitchell, as per diem and mileage | 66 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to Wm. T. Martin, as per diem and mileage | 188 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to John Winslow, as per diem and mileage | 63 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. M. Willey, as per diem and mileage | 53 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. F. Askew, as per diem and mileage | 25 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to B. Kingsbury, jr., as per diem and mileage | 73 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to Nathan Emerson, as per diem and mileage | 89 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to A. B. Ely, as per diem and mileage | 3 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. H. Gear, as per diem and mileage | 22 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Small, as per diem and mileage | 35 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to A. B. Ely, as per diem and mileage | 59 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Ellison, as per diem and mileage | 59 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. Wells, as per diem and mileage | 59 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to R. H. Griffin, as per diem and mileage | 71 60 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. H. Crane, as per diem and mileage | 71 60 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. M. P. Wells, as per diem and mileage | 45 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. C. Worthington, as per diem and mileage | 24 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. Woodward, as per diem and mileage | 138 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Crickard, as per diem and mileage | 167 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. H. Bonney, as per diem and mileage | 180 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Wheeler, as per diem and mileage | 58 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Wood, as per diem and mileage | 58 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. A. Manchester, as per diem and mileage | 58 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. S. Kempton, as per diem and mileage | 86 60 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. Meredith, as per diem and mileage | 95 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. B. Magruder, as per diem and mileage | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. Morton, as per diem and mileage | 121 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to G. D. Smith, as per diem and mileage | 121 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. L. Page, as per diem and mileage | 150 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. G. DeSaussure, as per diem and mileage | 76 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. A. Gyles, as per diem and mileage | 76 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. S. Munday, as per diem and mileage | 121 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. Colfax, as per diem and mileage | 113 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to L. Perkins, as per diem and mileage | 138 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Narine, as per diem and mileage | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. C. Pindell, as per diem and mileage | 100 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to D. P. Barnard, as per diem and mileage | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to M. D. Papy, as per diem and mileage | 129 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to A. G. Langworthy, as per diem and mileage | 150 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. N. Taylor, as per diem and mileage | 39 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. McLain, as per diem and mileage | 105 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Chidsey, as per diem and mileage | 88 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. M. Cassady, as per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. C. Robinson, as per diem and mileage | 38 00 |

*Expenditures continued.*

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| 1851. | | |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. Y. Bebee, as per diem and mileage | $100 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. G. Williams, as per diem and mileage | 88 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. H. Williams, as per diem and mileage | 73 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to P. R. Hills, as per diem and mileage | 66 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to T. G. Senter, as per diem and mileage | 68 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. H. Simes, as per diem and mileage | 68 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to B. Smith, as per diem and mileage | 103 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to D. C. Trippe, as per diem and mileage | 154 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. C. Dibble, as per diem and mileage | 81 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to A. S. Kellogg, as per diem and mileage | 48 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to A. S. Kellogg, as per diem and mileage | 63 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. F. Anners, as per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. Penny, as per diem and mileage | 150 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. E. Jennings, as per diem and mileage | 150 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to T. A. Ward, as per diem and mileage | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. A. Kennedy, as per diem and mileage | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. M. Danley, as per diem and mileage | 185 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Chester, as per diem and mileage | 106 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to C. T. Vennigerholz, as per diem and mileage | 188 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. Skinner, as per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. O. Nixon, as per diem and mileage | 167 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to C. R. Hansford, as per diem and mileage | 130 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to O. Farish, as per diem and mileage | 212 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. G. Potts, as per diem and mileage | 158 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to L. E. Baldwin, as per diem and mileage | 53 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. H. Fitzhugh, as per diem and mileage | 49 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. G. Clayton, as per diem and mileage | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to I. Robinson, as per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to James Stewart, as per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to R. F. Russell, as per diem and mileage | 70 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to B. Conley, as per diem and mileage | 91 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Crutcher, as per diem and mileage | 198 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to G. S. Sanford, as per diem and mileage | 46 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to T. Hardie, as per diem and mileage | 160 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to G. W. Woodward, as per diem and mileage | 158 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Curtis for J. A. Simpson | 16 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Curtis, as per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. N. Washington, as per diem and mileage | 58 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. H. Remington, as per diem and mileage | 138 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to R. W. Seymour, as per diem and mileage | 76 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. B. Hinsdale, as per diem and mileage | 146 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to G. W. Shaw, as per diem and mileage | 167 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to M. Woodruff, as per diem and mileage | 116 50 |
| Sept. 22, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for newspapers | 9 50 |
| Sept. 22, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 140 74 |
| Sept. 22, | By draft on C. Cummings protested | 650 87 |
| Sept. 22, | By cash to protest of do | 1 75 |
| Sept. 25, | By cash to W. H. Hoffman, for paper | 583 00 |
| Sept. 25, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, expenses as Messenger | 22 00 |
| Sept. 29, | By draft on C. Cummings protested | 138 25 |
| Sept. 29, | By cash to protest of do | 2 90 |
| Oct. 3, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 13 86 |
| Oct. 7, | By cash to James Young, for printing | 343 86 |
| Oct. 7, | By cash to Thomas Wildey, for annuity | 115 71 |
| Oct. 7, | By cash to filling up diploma | 3 00 |
| Oct. 31, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 10 18 |
| Nov. 5, | By draft on John Coltart protested | 206 62 |

*Expenditures continued.*

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| 1851. | | |
| Nov. 5, | By cash to protesting do | $1 45 |
| Nov. 8, | By cash to renewing policy of insurance | 8 80 |
| Nov. 8, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, expenses for sending block of marble to Washington | 13 00 |
| Nov. 8, | By cash to T. S. Cockran, for ice | 3 40 |
| Nov. 17, | By cash to A. Fisher, for portrait of P. G. Sire Griffin | 100 00 |
| Dec. 1, | By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| Dec. 1, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for one quarter's salary | 134 16 |
| Dec. 1, | By cash to J. Young, for altering and repairing revised Jour. | 333 45 |
| Dec. 9, | By cash to Grand Lodge of Northern New York | 114 22 |
| Dec. 29, | By cash to James Young, for printing | 275 80 |
| Dec. 31, | By cash to J. J. Johnston, for furniture | 100 00 |
| 1852. | | |
| Jan. 2, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 13 48 |
| Jan. 13, | By cash to James L. Ridgely, mileage for 1850 | 42 00 |
| Jan. 24, | By cash to W. C. Cunningham, for making boxes | 25 50 |
| Jan. 27, | By cash to Thomas Wildey | 10 00 |
| Jan. 28, | By cash to W. H. Hoffman, for paper | 176 00 |
| Jan. 31, | By cash to Louis Bonsal, for binding | 330 00 |
| Feb. 2, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 29 44 |
| Feb. 5, | By cash for discount on uncurrent funds | 2 84 |
| Feb. 14, | By cash to Barrett & Debeet, for portrait frame | 7 00 |
| Feb. 19, | By cash to James Young, for printing | 516 57 |
| Feb. 21, | By cash to M. Redinger, for repairing stove | 1 00 |
| Feb. 21, | By cash to insuring of portraits sent to New York | 9 00 |
| Mar. 1, | By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| Mar. 1, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for quarter's salary and post'e. | 130 82 |
| Mar. 5, | By cash to James Young, for printing | 23 19 |
| Mar. 24, | By cash to J. J. Johnston, on chairs and desks | 75 00 |
| Apr. 9, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, postage and stamps | 8 64 |
| Apr. 17, | By cash to P. Fritz, block of marble | 540 00 |
| May 1, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, postage | 13 56 |
| May 6, | By cash to J. J. Johnston, for desks and chairs | 50 00 |
| May 15, | By cash to C. Burt, for engraving | 150 00 |
| June 2, | By cash to James L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| June 2, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for quarter's salary and post'e. | 141 47 |
| June 15, | By cash to C. Burt, for engraving portraits | 450 00 |
| June 18, | By cash to J. J. Johnson, for chairs and desks | 135 00 |
| June 25, | By cash to Louis Bonsal, for binding books | 360 00 |
| July 6, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 9 85 |
| July 24, | By cash to Barrett & Debeet, for frame of design of stone | 11 00 |
| Aug. 2, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 5 36 |
| Aug. 4, | By cash to A. S. Abell & Co., for advertising | 18 93 |
| Aug. 6, | By cash to A. Sisco, for collars | 96 00 |
| Aug. 11, | By cash to Grand Lodge of Maryland | 270 00 |
| Aug. 24, | By cash to James Young, for binding | 100 00 |
| Aug. 24, | By cash to discount on collecting drafts | 29 99 |
| Aug. 24, | By cash to discount on uncurrent funds | 5 19 |
| Aug. 24, | By cash to stamp on Treasurer's bond | 2 00 |
| Aug. 30, | By cash to Sandys, for printing | 538 90 |
| Aug. 31, | By cash to Livingston Lodge, paid in error | 4 00 |
| Sept. 1, | By cash to James L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| Sept. 1, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for quarter's salary and post'e | 133 15 |
| Sept. 1, | By cash to A. E. Warner, salary for one year | 200 00 |
| Sept. 1, | By cash on hand | 13,686 24 |
| | Total | $30,978 82 |

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following supplementary report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, begs very respectfully to submit the annexed supplementary statement of the receipts of his office, since the close of his regular Annual Report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report up to and inclusive of the session.*

| DATE. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Sept. 2, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | Rep. Tax. | $100 00 | 193 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Southern N. York | " | 100 00 | 193 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of New Jersey..... | " | 50 00 | 195 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 100 00 | 196 |
| " 6, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 50 00 | 196 |
| 1852. Sept. 6, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 100 00 | 197 |
| " 8, | Grand Encampment of Alabama..... | " | 50 00 | 198 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 50 00 | 200 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Kentucky..... | " | 50 00 | 201 |
| " 18, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 202 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Georgia..... | " | 100 00 | 203 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Georgia..... | " | 50 00 | 204 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 100 00 | 205 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 100 00 | 206 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Massachusetts... | " | 100 00 | 208 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia ... | " | 100 00 | 209 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Mississippi..... | " | 50 00 | 210 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of North Carolina... | " | 50 00 | 211 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 100 00 | 213 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Northern N. York | " | 70 00 | 214 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of New Hampshire. | " | 50 00 | 215 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 100 00 | 216 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 100 00 | 217 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 100 00 | 218 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee ..... | " | 100 00 | 220 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 100 00 | 221 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | " | 50 00 | 222 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 223 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Delaware ..... | " | 100 00 | 224 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Indiana..... | " | 50 00 | 225 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 100 00 | 226 |
| " 21, | Grand Encampment of Dist. of Columbia | " | 50 00 | 229 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 100 00 | 130 |
| " 21, | Grand Encampment of Illinois ..... | " | 50 00 | 131 |
| | Total..... | | $2,720 00 | |
| 1852. Sept. 11, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | Miscell's. | $ 60 | 200 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 1 00 | 228 |
| | Total..... | | $1 60 | |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

| DATE. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Sept. 2, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | Cards. | $20 00 | 293 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 20 00 | 207 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of North Carolina .. | " | 3 50 | 211 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | " | 40 00 | 212 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 15 00 | 217 |
| 1852. Sept. 20, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | Cards. | $50 00 | 223 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Delaware ..... | " | 30 00 | 224 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Indiana..... | " | 60 00 | 225 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 40 00 | 228 |
| " 21, | Grand Encampment of Dist. of Columbia | " | 30 00 | 229 |
| | Total..... | | $308 50 | |
| 1852. Sept. 2, | Grand Lodge of California..... | Charters. | $30 00 | 194 |
| " 2, | Encampment No. 1, California ..... | " | 30 00 | 194 |
| " 11, | Sacramento Lodge No. 2, California..... | " | 30 00 | 199 |
| | Total..... | | $90 00 | |
| 1852. Sept. 2, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | Odes. | $4 00 | 193 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 6 00 | 225 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 6 00 | 226 |
| | Total..... | | $16 00 | |
| 1852. Sept. 20, | Grand Lodge of Georgia..... | Books. | 25 00 | 203 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | " | 15 00 | 212 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 18 52 | 217 |
| " 20, | John G. Potts, D. D. G. Sire for Min. ... | " | 15 00 | 219 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | " | 12 00 | 222 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 12 00 | 224 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 228 00 | 226 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 25 00 | 228 |
| | Total ..... | | $350 52 | |
| 1852. Sept. 20, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | Diplomas. | $50 00 | 217 |
| 1852. Sept. 11, | D. D. G. Sire A. V. Fraser ..... | Balance. | $30 45 | 199 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | " | 5 00 | 212 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 10 00 | 217 |
| " 20, | D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts ..... | " | 9 50 | 219 |
| " 21, | Samuel L. Harris..... | " | 6 25 | 227 |
| | Total ..... | | $61 20 | |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Books | Statement | $6,310 00 |
| | Supplementary | 350 52 |
| Representative Tax | Statement | 1,680 00 |
| | Supplementary | 2,720 00 |
| Dues | Statement | 451 20 |
| Diplomas | Statement | 149 00 |
| | Supplementary | 50 00 |
| Cards | Statement | 3,678 30 |
| | Supplementary | 308 50 |
| Warrants | Statement | 120 00 |
| | Supplementary | 90 00 |
| Odes | Statement | 147 29 |
| | Supplementary | 16 00 |
| Balances | Statement | 208 07 |
| | Supplementary | 61 20 |
| Miscellaneous | Statement | 247 87 |
| | Supplementary | 1 60 |
| Amount of Receipts | | $16,589 55 |

Honolulu Hall Fund.

| DATES. | LODGES. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Sept. 9 | From Lodges in N. New York | $4 00 | 84 |
| " 20 | From Lodges in Massachusetts | 20 00 | 85 |
| " 20 | From Lodges in Kentucky | 68 00 | 86 |
| " 20 | From Lodges in North Carolina | 8 00 | 87 |
| " 20 | From Lodges in Rhode Island | 11 60 | 88 |
| | | $111 00 | |

Wildey Annuity.

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|---|---|
| Georgia, | $40 paid. |
| Michigan, | $40 not paid |

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secr'y.*

*September* 21, 1852.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June* 30, 1852.

| LODGES. | WHERE HELD. | Number of Lodges. | Initiations. | Suspensions. | Expulsions. | Past Grands. | Past Grand Masters. | Contributing Members. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland.... | Baltimore..... | 70 | 1,317 | 587 | 9 | 1,005 | 19 | 11,433 |
| G. L. Massac'usetts | Boston..... | 121 | 464 | 879 | 29 | 1,436 | 10 | 8,952 |
| G. L. S. New York. | N. York city. | 196 | 1,358 | 1,636 | 20 | 2,359 | 11 | 18,419 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania. | Philadelphia.. | 460 | 5,788 | 2,652 | 137 | 4,428 | 14 | 44,237 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col... | Washington... | 13 | 155 | 84 | 2 | 302 | 11 | 1,283 |
| G. L. Delaware.... | Wilmington... | 23 | 193 | 6 | 2 | 230 | 13 | 1,803 |
| G. L. Ohio..... | Columbus. .. | 202 | 2,233 | 97 | 365 | 1,846 | 17 | 14,320 |
| G. L. Louisiana... | New Orleans. | 32 | 594 | 208 | 20 | 2,763 | 12 | 2,763 |
| G. L. New Jersey.. | Trenton..... | 107 | 774 | 570 | 51 | 1,133 | .... | 7,844 |
| G. L Kentucky. .. | Louisville... | 89 | 686 | 146 | 34 | 685 | 12 | 4,111 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | Richmond... | 105 | 955 | 184 | 157 | 974 | 11 | 6,696 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | Indianopolis . | 115 | 1,083 | 141 | 29 | 758 | 7 | 5,119 |
| G. L. Mississippi.. | Jackson..... | 45 | 261 | 215 | 29 | 376 | .... | 1,661 |
| G. L. Missouri.... | St. Louis.... | 54 | 447 | 173 | 12 | 323 | 8 | 2,442 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | Springfield. . | 114 | 1,071 | 278 | 83 | 543 | 8 | 4,787 |
| G. L. Texas..... | Galveston. .. | 23 | 250 | 22 | 7 | 71 | 6 | 613 |
| G. L. Alabama.... | Mobile..... | 46 | 339 | 68 | 25 | 267 | .... | 1,569 |
| G. L. Connecticut.. | New Haven.. | 71 | 423 | 648 | 18 | 750 | 11 | 5,411 |
| G. L. S. Carolina.. | Charleston... | 20 | 226 | 29 | 59 | 228 | 9 | 1,884 |
| G. L. Tennessee... | Nashville.... | 76 | 378 | 5 | 20 | 422 | 7 | 2,746 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | Macon..... | 42 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... |
| G. L. N. Carolina.. | Wilmington.. | 39 | 326 | 35 | 52 | 225 | 10 | 1,639 |
| G. L. Maine..... | Portland..... | 55 | 118 | 228 | 22 | 974 | 7 | 4,280 |
| G. L. R. Island.... | Providence. . | 15 | 80 | 128 | 4 | 186 | 8 | 1,297 |
| G. L. N. Hampsh'e. | Concord.... | 39 | 273 | 146 | 73 | 360 | .... | 2,570 |
| G. L. Michigan.... | Detriot..... | 58 | 464 | 290 | 16 | 397 | 7 | 3,289 |
| G. L. Wisconsin... | Milwaukie... | 58 | 593 | 140 | 171 | 353 | 5 | 2,774 |
| G. L Vermont.... | Montpelier. . | 24 | 251 | 101 | 4 | 128 | 5 | 1,140 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | Bloomington. | 40 | 274 | 2 | 10 | 186 | 3 | 1,378 |
| G. L. Arkansas.... | Little Rock.. | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York | Utica..... | 445 | 4,311 | 2,320 | 94 | 3,110 | 6 | 26,584 |
| G. L. Florida..... | Tallahasse... | ..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... |
| G. L. California.... | ..... | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... |
| Minnesota..... | ..... | 4 | 48 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | 155 |
| New Mexico..... | ..... | 2 | 35 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | 31 |
| Honolulu..... | ..... | 1 | 14 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | 68 |
| | | 2,729 | 25,776 | 12,018 | 1,554 | 25,818 | 237 | 193,298 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30th, 1852, continued.*

| LODGES. | No. of brothers relieved. | No. of widowed families relieved. | No. of brothers buried. | Amount paid for relief of brothers. | Amount paid for relief of widowed families. | Amount paid for the education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland... | 2,369 | 238 | 99 | $28,097 78 | $9,764 93 | $2,679 18 | $7,307 75 |
| G. L. Massac'usetts | 893 | 154 | 112 | 18,477 94 | 3,763 36 | 90 00 | 3,708 74 |
| G. L. S. New York | 2,838 | 364 | 197 | 51,879 29 | 10,789 13 | 875 57 | 8,625 20 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania | 7,263 | 1353 | 356 | 93,123 73 | 7,068 22 | 462 77 | 118,649 30 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col.. | 258 | 27 | 11 | 2,839 00 | 328 00 | 302 25 | 347 75 |
| G. L. Delaware.... | ..... | .... | 10 | 2,694 50 | 165 00 | ..... | 367 69 |
| G. L. Ohio..... | 1,954 | 149 | 105 | 32,326 34 | 2,221 46 | 39 92 | 4,283 57 |
| G. L. Louisiana... | 236 | 27 | 46 | 5,963 81 | 1,583 10 | 65 00 | 3,456 54 |
| G. L. New Jersey. | 1,220 | 61 | 71 | 17,430 62 | 1,045 09 | 704 39 | 2,415 00 |
| G. L. Kentucky... | 469 | .... | 47 | 5,948 76 | 900 09 | 418 79 | 2,335 10 |
| G. L. Virginia.... | 836 | 98 | 48 | 9,509 22 | 1,564 71 | 1,529 16 | 2,067 72 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 755 | 43 | 58 | 9,975 36 | 422 01 | 504 23 | 2,398 40 |
| G. L. Mississippi.. | 86 | 3 | 11 | 1,695 72 | 60 00 | 30 00 | 447 00 |
| G. L. Missouri.... | 266 | 87 | 34 | 4,124 04 | 2,492 84 | 1,438 90 | 1,223 80 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | 433 | 31 | 50 | 4,671 51 | 658 35 | 88 88 | 1,210 78 |
| G. L. Texas..... | 40 | 5 | 11 | 829 75 | 65 50 | 83 00 | 245 00 |
| G. L. Alabama.... | 133 | 22 | 20 | 2,084 05 | 377 00 | 158 67 | 992 78 |
| G. L. Connecticut. | 723 | 44 | 33 | 10,470 90 | 765 00 | 155 25 | 1,346 25 |
| G. L. S. Carolina.. | 177 | 59 | 23 | 2,884 17 | 2,306 67 | 624 77 | 894 50 |
| G. L. Tennessee.. | 135 | 13 | 12 | 2,540 92 | 820 65 | 154 00 | 503 60 |
| G. L. Georgia.... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. Carolina . | 160 | 18 | 17 | 1,505 00 | 503 91 | 59 20 | 316 07 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 274 | 18 | 28 | 4,293 17 | 243 88 | 61 13 | 633 00 |
| G. L. R. Island... | 132 | 20 | 6 | 2,808 63 | 736 93 | 4 33 | 291 00 |
| G. L. N. Hampsh'e | 234 | 6 | 17 | 4,315 49 | 62 50 | ..... | 970 00 |
| G. L. Michigan... | 393 | 22 | 30 | 4,109 67 | 420 67 | 37 00 | 965 00 |
| G. L. Wisconsin.. | 206 | 8 | 17 | 2,391 70 | 131 00 | 19 79 | 585 58 |
| G. L. Vermont.... | 108 | 9 | 5 | 988 05 | 179 25 | ..... | 195 00 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 169 | 12 | 15 | 1,904 90 | 206 20 | 31 00 | 502 49 |
| G. L. Arkansas... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York | 3,470 | 165 | 153 | 42,600 99 | 2,685 30 | 133 67 | 5,158 18 |
| G. L. Florida..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. California... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Minnesota..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New Mexico..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Honolulu..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 26,330 | 3058 | 1642 | $372,384 92 | $52,330 75 | $10,750 85 | $172,442 79 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June* 30, 1852, *continued.*

| LODGES. | Revenue of Subordinate Lodges. | Total amount of Relief. | Funds in the Treasury. | Funds Invested. | Widow's and Orphan's Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland... | $80,721 00 | $58,808 99 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Massac'usetts | 43,092 96 | 26,189 99 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. S. New York | 130,832 13 | 72,169 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Pennsylvania | 220,964 37 | 219,304 02 | 54,004 29 | $175,700 17 | 24,102 94 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col.. | 7,812 76 | 3,817 00 | 4,026 88 | 10,809 24 | 2,410 95 |
| G. L. Delaware... | ..... | 3,227 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Ohio..... | 92,091 59 | 33,456 86 | 18,112 00 | 63,353 31 | 8,975 81 |
| G. L. Louisiana... | 38,945 65 | 11,077 99 | 9,936 77 | 32,686 84 | 6,289 97 |
| G. L. New Jersey. | 44,501 23 | 21,594 10 | 9,968 51 | 27,971 75 | 13,976 02 |
| G. L. Kentucky.. | 33,797 55 | 9,652 87 | 23,838 23 | 12,355 69 | 28,250 17 |
| G. L. Virginia.... | 33,792 96 | 14,670 81 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Indiana..... | ..... | 13,300 00 | 73,020 17 | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Mississippi . | 15,133 28 | 2,232 72 | 4,728 83 | 6,217 37 | 1,971 66 |
| G. L. Missouri... | 23,574 30 | 9,279 53 | 8,486 55 | 26,316 71 | 1,838 59 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | 34,184 94 | 6,629 52 | 9,707 36 | 19,799 81 | 7,836 21 |
| G. L. Texas..... | 9,075 90 | 1,223 25 | 3,979 33 | 3,617 49 | 358 00 |
| G. L. Alabama.... | 17,876 20 | 3,612 50 | 11,691 76 | 13,328 48 | 25,621 27 |
| G. L. Connecticut. | 27,959 99 | 13,500 52 | 73,867 63 | 21,725 12 | ..... |
| G. L. S. Carolina.. | 14,192 31 | 6,710 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Tennessee.. | 18,386 42 | 4,030 17 | 64,434 52 | 12,852 22 | 14,231 81 |
| G. L. Georgia.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. Carolina . | 14,155 61 | 2,329 18 | ..... | ..... | 1,347 44 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 7,554 00 | 5,231 18 | ..... | 44,001 75 | ..... |
| G. L. R. Island... | 7,880 32 | 3,840 89 | 473 57 | 10,885 51 | 9,582 49 |
| G. L. N. Hampsh'e | 4,178 00 | 5,346 91 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Michigan... | 16,580 31 | 5,532 34 | 6,009 77 | 13,760 88 | 9,225 20 |
| G. L. Wisconsin.. | 15,489 74 | 3,128 07 | 2,939 91 | 5,623 02 | 3,817 13 |
| G. L. Vermont... | 6,072 78 | 1,332 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Iowa..... | ..... | 2,644 69 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Arkansas... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York | 151,496 82 | 50,578 14 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Florida..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. California... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Minnesota..... | 1,369 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New Mexico..... | 2,022 90 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Honolulu..... | 596 11 | 270 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $1,164,331 15 | $614,721 08 | | | |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June* 30, 1852.

| ENCAMPMENTS. | WHERE HELD. | Number of Subordinates. | Initiations. | Suspensions. | Expulsions. | Revenue of Subordinates. | Contributing Members. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. E. Maryland..... | Baltimore..... | 11 | 151 | 51 | 1 | 7,786 46 | 1,420 |
| G. E. Pennsylvania.... | Philadelphia.... | 96 | 654 | 267 | 26 | 26,316 40 | 5,436 |
| G. E. S. New York.... | N. York city... | 28 | 89 | 157 | .... | 5,964 55 | 1,222 |
| G. E. Ohio..... | Cincinnati..... | 52 | 534 | 8 | 26 | 13,925 13 | 2,627 |
| G. E. New Jersey..... | Newark..... | 23 | 61 | 71 | .... | 2,378 78 | 779 |
| G. E. Virginia..... | Martinsburg ... | 27 | 162 | 14 | 6 | 4,330 67 | 1,114 |
| G. E. S. Carolina..... | Charleston..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Massachusetts... | Boston..... | 23 | 51 | 161 | .... | 4,285 46 | 1,113 |
| G. E. Kentucky..... | Louisville..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Maine..... | Portland..... | 13 | 17 | 25 | 2 | 569 95 | 556 |
| G. E. N. Hampshire... | Concord..... | 7 | 13 | 11 | 6 | ..... | 292 |
| G. E. Mississippi..... | Natchez..... | 10 | 38 | 7 | .... | 1,679 18 | 241 |
| G. E. Dis. of Columbia. | Washington..... | 5 | 44 | 30 | .... | 1,315 60 | 315 |
| G. E. Tennessee..... | Nashville..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. N. Carolina..... | Wilmington.... | 10 | 21 | .... | 1 | 1,007 19 | 274 |
| G. E. Georgia..... | Macon..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Louisiana..... | New Orleans... | 8 | 87 | 22 | 2 | 3,607 05 | 521 |
| G. E. Alabama..... | Mobile..... | 11 | 28 | .... | 1 | 703 50 | 156 |
| G. E. Indiana..... | Indianopolis ... | 29 | 239 | 4 | 2 | 4,430 70 | 971 |
| G. E. Michigan ..... | Kalamazoo .... | 10 | 11 | 3 | .... | ..... | 89 |
| G. E. R. Island..... | Providence. ... | 5 | 31 | 38 | 9 | 519 95 | 317 |
| G. E. Delaware..... | Wilmington..... | 8 | 48 | 8 | .... | 941 16 | 302 |
| G. E. Connecticut..... | New Haven.... | 15 | 60 | 45 | 2 | 1,114 14 | 465 |
| G. E. Wisconsin..... | Southport..... | 7 | 21 | 16 | 1 | ..... | 212 |
| G. E. N. New York... | Utica..... | 68 | 265 | 195 | .... | 7,999 56 | 2,001 |
| G. E. Illinois..... | Springfield. ... | 15 | 70 | 2 | .... | 1,122 66 | 389 |
| G. E. Missouri..... | St. Louis..... | 11 | 64 | 13 | 1 | 1,560 84 | 330 |
| G. E. Iowa..... | Muscatine..... | 6 | 26 | .... | .... | 370 67 | 144 |
| Texas..... | ..... | 2 | .... | 4 | .... | 61 00 | 12 |
| Arkansas..... | ..... | 4 | 13 | .... | .... | 543 35 | 67 |
| Vermont..... | ..... | 2 | 38 | .... | .... | 200 94 | 78 |
| Minnesota..... | ..... | 1 | 6 | .... | .... | 88 75 | 19 |
| Florida..... | ..... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 7 |
| | | 508 | 2852 | 1152 | 86 | $92,823 54 | 21,469 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June* 30, 1852, *continued.*

| ENCAMPMENTS. | Total amount of Relief. | Funds in the Treasury. | Funds Invested. | Widow's and Orphan's Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. E. Maryland | 4,728 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Pennsylvania | 12,309 35 | $6,542 45 | $15,990 96 | $689 08 |
| G. E. S. New York | 1,768 37 | 2,567 49 | 3,232 00 | ..... |
| G. E. Ohio | 3,800 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. New Jersey | 680 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Virginia | 1,510 66 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. South Carolina | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Massachusetts | 1,753 71 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Kentucky | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Maine | 235 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. New Hampshire | 159 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Mississippi | 222 00 | 482 28 | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Dis. of Columbia | 550 00 | 617 28 | 2,512 67 | ..... |
| G. E. Tennessee | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. North Carolina | 118 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Georgia | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Louisiana | 695 00 | 1,586 75 | 2,600 00 | ..... |
| G. E. Alabama | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Indiana | 1,146 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Michigan | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Rhode Island | 267 90 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Delaware | 533 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Connecticut | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Wisconsin | 135 17 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. N. New York | 1,618 51 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Illinois | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Missouri | 235 56 | 1,265 30 | 1,020 00 | ..... |
| G. E. Iowa | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Texas* | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Arkansas† | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vermont | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Minnesota | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Florida‡ | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $36,669 73 | | | |

* Only one Encampment reported. † One Encampment not reported. ‡ No report due.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of allotting the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, beg leave to report, that upon a due consideration of the subject they would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

*Resolved*, 1st. That so much of said report as relates to the issuing of dispensations for Lodges and Encampments in Iowa, Oregon, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Florida, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

2d. That so much as relates to the Order in California, and so much as relates to the establishment of the Order in Panama, and of Encampments in Florida, Iowa, and New Mexico, be referred to the same committee.

3d. That so much as relates to the proposed union of the Order with an association styling itself "The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of England," be referred to a special committee of three.

4th. That so much as relates to the degree of Rebekah, and the position of Maryland and North Carolina relative thereto, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

5th. That so much as relates to the contribution of a block of marble to the National Monument, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

6th. That so much as relates to the revenue of this Grand Lodge, and procuring a seal and press for the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

7th. That so much as relates to the imperfections and deficiencies in the laws of the Order, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

8th. That so much as relates to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

9th. That so much as relates to "contributions in aid of the annuity proposed to be conferred on the honored Patriarch of our Order," be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
WILSON SMALL,
CHARLES BILLINGHURST.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the report of the Corresponding Secretary was referred to the same committee to which the Grand Sire's report was referred for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the subjects therein referred to.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the admission of Indians as members of the Order and the establishment of Lodges in the Indian Territory, respectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee it would be inexpedient to grant the application. The wandering and unstable habits of the In-

dian, the want of education, and the many other reasons afforded by his semi-civilized state, would render him but ill able to carry out the principles of the Order, while it would perchance endanger that necessary secrecy which is required by our organization.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the passage of a law requiring Subordinate Lodges to pay benefits to sick stranger brethren, respectfully report:

That under the comity now existing between the Lodges of the several jurisdictions, it has been usual for a brother needing relief in a place other than his residence, to apply therefor to any Lodge, and after due examination aid is generally given. No law now of force renders it imperative, and the committee are of opinion that the passage of a law rendering it imperative to give relief to stranger brethren would be injurious to the interests of the Order. Many reasons could be assigned for this opinion—one alone the committee think is sufficient to show the inexpediency of such legislation. It is, that under such a law a Lodge could be compelled to act towards a stranger of whom nothing may be known, or of whom much may be known highly discreditable, as though he were a member of unblemished character, while the Lodge would have no jurisdiction over him for punishment. The committee are of opinion that it will be more advantageous to the Order that no change should be made in the construction put upon the law governing benefits, but that the matter should be left to the comity now existing between Lodges, and to that spirit which never turns a deserving brother empty away. Upon the expiration of a card, it is the duty of the holder to return it to his Lodge, and if relief has been granted, such relief should be endorsed upon the card, and is almost universally returned by the Lodge granting the card to the Lodge affording relief.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiries submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the arrears of suspended members, and also as to the admission of persons who having once been members of the Order have lost sight of their connexion therewith, respectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee suspension from membership works no suspension from arrears. It is a mode of punishment, and

the punishment would often be deprived of its force should the arrears cease to run. The committee believe that upon a reinstatement the full amount accruing before and after suspension is that which should be paid.

In answer to the second inquiry, the committee are of opinion that but one course is open for persons to regain admission into the Order who have lost connexion therewith by disuse. It is to apply to the Lodges with which they were formerly connected for reinstatement. It is within the power of the Lodges to make such arrangement in regard to the accumulated arrears as will enable this reinstatement. But no Lodge can receive into membership one who has ceased to be a member of the Order from disuse of his privilege, since such person is unable to answer satisfactorily the questions propounded to every applicant relative to former connexion with the Order.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Anners, of Pennsylvania, as to the right of the Noble Grand or Secretary to give travelling cards, unless applied for in open Lodge, respectfully report:

That when the form of visiting and withdrawal cards now used was adopted by this body in 1844, page 677, it was declared that it was to be determined upon by the Lodge. This has been reiterated in 1847, page 1085, and in 1848, page 1249. Under the existing law, therefore, a card cannot be granted by the Noble Grand or Secretary, or in any other manner than by the action of the Lodge.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred inquiries submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Northern New York relative to the right of Lodges to admit visiting brethren, and also as to the right of brethren engaged in hazardous climes and occupations to benefits, respectfully report:

That at the communication of 1851, p. 1723, this Grand Body declared "that one having proper credentials should be received as a visiting brother." The committee are therefore of opinion that a Subordinate Lodge has no right to decline admitting a visiting brother, if he is correct in the usual forms required. His conduct, if improper, should, in the language of the above quoted decision, "be reported to the Lodge granting the card."

In regard to the second inquiry, this Grand Body, at the communi-

cation of 1851, p. 1738, declared that Subordinate Lodges had no right to refuse a card to a member because of his intention to visit a more dangerous climate than that in which the Lodge is located. By parity of reasoning, it appears manifest to the committee, a Lodge would have no right to refuse benefits accruing from sickness in such climate. If the disease has been contracted from immoral living, the members would generally be excluded from benefits by the laws of the several Lodges. But unless contracted by such immoral conduct, the hazard of climate appears to be one of the risks insured against, and the member would be entitled to the benefits.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred inquiries from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana relative to the right of Subordinate Lodges to grant to a Noble Grand leave of absence for a majority of the nights of his term, and also as to the right to reconsider a ballot of election, respectfully report:

That at the communcation of 1850, p. 1613, this Grand Lodge declared it the established law of the Order "that service for the majority of the nights of a term was requisite to entitle one to the past official degrees." The committee are therefore of opinion that a Subordinate Lodge cannot grant such leave of absence without working a forfeiture of the honors of the term to the officer to whom the leave is granted.

In reply to the second inquiry, the committee are of opinion that the decisions made by the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania in 1849, p. 430, and of Michigan in 1847, p. 214, and in 1851, p. 56, "that a ballot cannot under any circumstances be reconsidered, but must stand as a final judgment," is the correct doctrine of the Order, If fraud is charged, the ballot could certainly be scrutinized; and if fraud is established a new ballot should be ordered—but a reconsideration of a ballot is inadmissible.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, relative to the power of Subordinate Lodges to hold adjourned meetings, respectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee a Subordinate Lodge has no power to adjourn, but must close in due form. If an extra meeting is required, it can be called in the manner pointed out by the by-laws of the several Lodges.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, relative to a conflict between the powers of officers, as laid down in the Digest and in the secret work of the Order, respectfully report:

That by division 3, article 3, section 15 of the Digest, all of the appointed officers are stated to be appointed by the Noble Grand, and the committee entertain no doubt that the R. and L. S. of the Vice Grand are to be appointed by that officer. The apparent conflict arises doubtless from some accident. But that this may be rectified, the committee recommend the adoption of the appended resolution:

*Resolved,* That division 3, article 3, section 15 of the Digest, be amended by striking out in the 4th line the words "R. and L. S. of Vice Grand," and by adding at the close of the section the words "and R. and L. S. of Vice Grand, who are appointed by the Vice Grand."

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of election of the following Representatives as in due form and properly authenticated, viz:

P. G. William Rounsville, Illinois; P. G. Robert H. Clarke, Delaware.

E. C. ROBINSON,
G. W. SHAW,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, and, finding it conformable to law, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved,* That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin,

which permits, in section 5, article vi. the Grand Lodge of said State to be opened in the scarlet degree during the installation of Grand Officers. Your committee deem this contrary to law and usage.

They also find a provision in article ix. requiring the property and effects of a lodge, having surrendered or forfeited its charter, to be sold, and the proceeds thereof to be added to the Grand Lodge funds, if not reinstated within three years. Usage is against such a proceeding, yet your committee deem the principle of setting a limitation to the time during which a Grand Body shall be compelled to hold the property and effects of a defunct subordinate in trust for the benefit of a sufficient number of its original members, entitled to apply for its restoration, just and reasonable; they would, therefore, recommend that said provision be approved.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin be and is hereby required to strike out, in section 5 of article vi. all after the word "Order," in second line.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, whenever corrected as provided in the foregoing resolution, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Deferred Business, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last Session would respectfully ask leave to report, that they have examined the Journal of September last, and find nothing in addition to what has already been presented to this Body under a resolution of the last session, directing the Grand Secretary to have all pending amendments to the Constitution arranged and printed and ready for use at the opening of the present communication. They would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
ISRAEL ROBINSON,
RICHARD MARLEY.

The Chair laid on the table the reports of the District Deputy Grand Sires, which, on motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Lyford, of N. H., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following proposition, which, by general consent, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Lodge a right to make a by-law requiring the payment of higher dues from members going out of the State where the Lodge is located, than is required of those residing in the State?

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on digesting the Rules of Order, pages 1833, 1834, which was adopted.

The Chair announced the appointment of Reps. Williamson, of Ky., Seymour, of S. C., and Fitzhugh, of Va., as the committee authorized, touching the proposition from the Odd-Fellows of England for a union with this Order.

The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the Chair announced the election of Grand Officers as now in order, pursuant to the resolution adopted yesterday.

Whereupon the following nominations for the office of M. W. Grand Sire were made:

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| By Rep. Magruder, of D. C., | P. G. M. D. P. Barnard, of N. N. Y. |
| By Rep. Senter, of N. H., | P. G. M. Wm. Ellison, of Mass. |
| By Rep. Steele, of N. C., | P. G. M. W. G. DeSaussure, of S. C. |
| By Rep. Stuart, of D. C., | P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Mich. |
| By Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., | P. G. M. H. L. Page, of Wisconsin. |
| By Rep. Carlisle, of Del., | P. G. M. H. F. Askew, of Del. |
| By Rep. Simes, of N. H., | P. G. M. T. G. Senter, of N. H. |
| By Rep. Wood, of R. I., | P. G. M. John Wheeler, of R. I. |
| By Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, | P. G. M. E. B. Olds, of Ohio. |
| By Rep. Hunt, of Texas, | P. G. M. Junius M. Willey, of Conn. |

P. G. M. Willey, of Conn., declined the nomination as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Hinsdale, of Wis., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of D. Grand Sire H. L. Page as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., respectfully declined the nomination as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

The nominations having been closed the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The Chair announced the appointment of Reps. Magruder, of D. C., Drew, of Mass., and Crickard, of La., as tellers.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, and being about to report the result—

Rep. Conley, of Ga., inquired of the Chair whether a member from a Grand Body entitled to two votes was authorized to cast the vote of his colleague in his absence, in case of a ballot for officers.

The Chair ruled that he was, as the law governing the subject made no discrimination between balloting for officers and voting on legislative business.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, Billinghurst, Bradbury, Carlisle, Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, Dibble, Drew

Dufour, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Gillespie, Green, Gyles, Hale, Hansford, Hayward, Hunter, Jennings, Jones, Kempton, Kennedy, Libby, Lyford, Magruder, Manchester, Mathews, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, I. Robinson, E. C., Robinson, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Russell, Sanders, Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simes, Small, (2 votes,) Smiley, Steele, Taylor, Tuxbury, Williams, Williamson, Wood—62.

NAYS—Anners, Conley, Glenn, Gruman, Hackleman, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Lynes, McCord, Marley, Morton, Munday, Newby, Race, Ruple, Seymour, Simpson, Sligo, Stuart, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Zimmerman—28.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., now inquired of the Chair whether a member was entitled to vote for his colleague if such colleague were present.

The Chair replied in the negative.

The tellers reported that eighty-nine votes had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. | W. G. DeSaussure | received | 32 |
| " | D. P. Barnard | " | 24 |
| " | W. Ellison | " | 21 |
| " | E. B. Olds | " | 5 |
| " | H. F. Askew | " | 3 |
| " | T. G. Senter | " | 2 |
| " | John Wheeler | " | 1 |
| " | F. D. Stuart | " | 1 |

Whereupon, no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Edson B. Olds as a candidate.

Rep. Simes, of N. H., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Senter as a candidate.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., inquired of the Chair whether if a Representative was in the city, but absent from his seat in the Grand Lodge, his colleague was entitled to cast his vote.

The Chair replied in the affirmative.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were respectively called, reported the following result:

That eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. | D. P. Barnard | had | 32 |
| " | W. G. DeSaussure | | 31 |
| " | Wm. Ellison, | | 21 |
| " | H. F. Askew, | | 3 |

Whereupon, no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. | W. G. DeSaussure | received | 38 |
| " | D. P. Barnard | " | 32 |
| " | Wm. Ellison | " | 14 |
| " | H. F. Askew | " | 3 |

Whereupon, no election being made, Rep. Senter, of N. H., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Ellison as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

The Lodge proceeded again to ballot, when the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-nine ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. W. G. DeSaussure | received | 56 |
| " D. P. Barnard | " | 32 |
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The Chair accordingly announced that P. G. M. WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, of S. C., having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, and proceeded again to the special order, to wit, the election of Grand Officers, when the following nominations were made for the office of Deputy Grand Sire:

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| By Rep. Conley, of Ga., | P. G. M. Samuel Read, of N. J. |
| By Rep. Williams, of Ohio, | P. G. M. H. A. Manchester, of R. I. |
| By Rep. Sligo, of Pa., | P. G. M. J. W. Stokes, of Pa. |
| By Rep. Hunter, of Va., | P. G. M. Edw. H. Fitzhugh, of Va. |
| By Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., | P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Va. |
| By Rep. Askew, of Del., | P. G. M. John G. Potts, of Ill. |
| By Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., | P. G. M. W. E. Jennings, of Ala. |
| By Rep. Magruder, of D. C., | P. G. M. T. G. Senter, of N. H. |
| By Rep. Colfax, of Ind., | P. G. M. John H. Taylor, of Ind. |

Rep. Robinson, of Va., declined being a candidate.

The Chair appointed Rep. Vansant, of Md., one of the tellers, vice Rep. Drew, of Mass., declined.

The nomination being closed, the Lodge proceeded to ballot.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. H. A. Manchester | received | 20 |
| " T. G. Senter | " | 18 |
| " John G. Potts | " | 14 |
| " Samuel Read | " | 14 |
| " E. H. Fitzhugh | " | 7 |
| " W. E. Jennings | " | 6 |
| " J. H. Taylor | " | 4 |
| " J. W. Stokes | " | 4 |
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Whereupon, no election being had, the Lodge proceeded to another ballot.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Fitzhugh, of Va.

Rep. Sligo, of Pa., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Stokes, of Pa.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Taylor, of Ind.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. | H. A. Manchester | received | 39 |
| " | Jno. G. Potts | " | 18 |
| " | T. G. Senter | " | 14 |
| " | Samuel Read | " | 11 |
| " | W. E. Jennings | " | 3 |
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No election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y. withdrew the name of P. G. M. Jennings, of Ala.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Read, of N. J.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were called, reported that eighty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. | H. A. Manchester | had | 66 |
| " | Jno. G. Potts | " | 13 |
| " | T. G. Senter | " | 8 |
| " | Jno. W. Stokes | " | 1 |

The Chair accordingly announced that P. G. M. HORACE A. MANCHESTER, of R. I., having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Recording Secretary, when the following nominations were made:

By Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

By Rep. Jennings, of Ala., P. G. William Curtis, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Anners, of Pa., withdrew the name of P. G. Wm. Curtis.

There being no other nominations, the Lodge proceeded to the election; and the tellers having received the ballots as they were respectively called, reported that sixty-five ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. | James L. Ridgely had received | 49 |
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Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following nominations were made:

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| By Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., | P. G. M. A. E. Warner, of Md. |
| By Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, | P. G. M. Morris, of Pa. |
| By Rep. Jennings, of Ala., | G. M. Zimmerman, of Md. |
| By Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., | P. G. Vansant, of Md. |
| By Rep. Williams, of Ohio, | P. G. W. B. Magruder, of D. C. |
| By Rep. Colfax, of Ind., | P. G. J. W. Hale, of S. N. Y. |
| By Rep. Shaw, of La., | P. G. M. Sessford, of D. C. |

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., and Rep. Magruder, of D. C., declined being candidates.

The Chair appointed Rep. Fitzhugh as teller, vice Rep. Vansant, declined.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to ballot, when the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. A. E. Warner had received | | 39 |
| P. G. Vansant | " | 17 |
| P. G. M. Morris | " | 7 |
| G. M. Zimmerman | " | 6 |
| P. G. Magruder | " | 6 |
| P. G. Hale | " | 4 |
| P. G. M. Sessford | " | 3 |
| P. G. M. Robinson | " | 1 |
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And no election being had—

The names of P. G. M. Geo. S. Morris, of Pa., and P. G. M. Sessford, of D. C., were withdrawn.

At this stage of the proceedings Rep. Chester, of Mich., inquired whether the Grand Treasurer had obeyed the order of the last session requiring him to invest the surplus funds in the Treasury in six per cent. United States stocks.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., the Grand Treasurer was permitted to address the Lodge in answer to the inquiry.

Whereupon the Grand Treasurer informed the Lodge that he was not aware that such an order had been passed, otherwise he would have obeyed it.

The Lodge again proceeded to the election, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. A. E. Warner | received | 42 |
| P. G. Vansant | " | 31 |
| P. G. Magruder | " | 11 |
| G. M. Zimmerman | " | 2 |
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There being no election the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Marley withdrew the name of G. M. Zimmerman.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were severally called, reported that eighty-nine ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. Joshua Vansant had | | 47 |
| P. G. M. A. E. Warner | " | 38 |
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Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. JOSHUA VANSANT, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

The Chair named Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., on the Committee on Returns, vice Rep. Emerson, absent.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Dela ware, which they find conformable to law, provided section 3 of article 1 is not so construed as to exclude from membership such Past Chief Patriarchs as are legitimately entitled to the honors of the office of Chief Patriarch, although they may not have served a *full* term. With this qualification, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to dispensations granted to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, respectfully report, that they have examined the several matters referred to them, and recommend that the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire during the recess of this Grand Lodge, establishing Subordinate Lodges at Salem, Oregon; St. Paul's, Minnesota; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and for a Subordinate Encampment at Monticello, Florida, be confirmed, and that warrants be issued accordingly.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—Nine o'clock A. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

By general consent, Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved a reconsideration of the vote had yesterday by which Rep. Stuart, of D. C., was not excused from service on the Committee on the State of the Order, which motion was adopted.

The question recurring on the leave asked to be excused from service on said committee, it was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., to supply the vacancy.

By general consent, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That leave of absence for the remainder of this session be granted to Rep. R. F. Russell, of Northern New York, he having been called home by reason of sickness in his family.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., moved that the rule giving precedence in the order of business to reports of committees be suspended, for the purpose of enabling Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., to offer a resolution, which was agreed to.

When Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following propositions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the law now in existence compelling the German Lodges to keep their minutes in the English language be and the same is hereby repealed.

*Resolved*, That it shall be competent for all State Grand Bodies to compel the German Subordinate Lodges under their respective jurisdictions to furnish extracts from their minutes translated into the English language, whenever they shall require it.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Shaw, of Louisiana, relative to the delivery of the Past Grand's charge to initiates, respectfully report:

That there is no law which prevents the delivery of this charge by the Noble Grand. And although the charge should be given by a Past Grand, if present, yet circumstances may often require that this duty be entrusted to the Noble Grand. The committee are of opinion, however, that under no circumstances should this charge be given by the Vice Grand.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kempton, of Georgia, relative to the furnishing a book of diagrams to each Grand Lodge and Encampment, respectfully report:

That this resolution has received from the committee the attention which its importance demands. But the committee are of opinion that more uniformity will be maintained in the work of the Order by requiring all instruction to emanate from one source, than could be obtained by the distribution sought. Diversity of instruction would unquestionably creep in, and this is abundantly proven by the annual

secret sessions of this body for instruction in the work of the Order. The increased difficulty of keeping secret the unwritten work, if entrusted to so many hands, is, in the opinion of the committee, an additional reason for recommending that the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, relative to the right of Subordinate Lodges to make by-laws requiring higher rates of dues from members going out of the State where the Lodge is located than is required of those residing in the State, respectfully report:

That the subject of dues is one peculiarly for the legislation of State Grand Bodies, and any interference therewith on the part of this body is objectionable. In many jurisdictions a sliding rate of initiation fees has been adopted. Should a similar scale of dues meet the approval of the State Grand Lodge, the committee are of opinion such approval would be final.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the reports of the District Deputy Grand Sires, respectfully report:

That by one resolution of this body these reports have been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and by another to the Committee on Petitions. These reports having been first referred to the former committee, and such being the usual course of reference, the committee feel no hesitation in reporting.

The committee have examined the reports, and find nothing requiring legislation, and recommend that the reports be accepted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to his decisions during the recess, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and are of opinion, viz:

*Decision* 1. The committee concur with the M. W. Grand Sire, where the degree forms an integral part of the work of the Order. But where the degree "simply conferred a privilege, and did not necessarily affect the brethren now in possession of the work, because they are

not required to avail themselves of this privilege," the committee can see no objection to instruction therein by the Grand Representatives Such a degree would not require the approval of the State Grand Bodies, for it is the conferring of a privilege upon the whole body of the Order, by the only power which has the right to adopt the degree. In this opinion the committee are fortified by the usage of the Order, for at page 76 of the Journal it will be found that the R. P. D. was communicated to individual members before the lectures appertaining thereto were received.

*Decision* 2. The committee fully concur with the M. W. Grand Sire that where the place of meeting of State Grand Bodies is fixed by a constitutional provision, or by a by-law, the only manner of removing the body is by an alteration of the constitution, or of the by-law which fixes its location. But the committee cannot concur with the latter part of the decision, "that in the absence of such constitutional provision the meetings ought to be held at such places as are designated in the charters," without the power of the Grand Lodge to remove. The spirit of the legislation of 1851 was to give power to the Grand Bodies to become moveable, and under this spirit the charter would be but a rule of order, so far as it designated the place of meeting, and be alterable at the will of the body. This view is confirmed by the consideration that the charter being the designation by this body of a place of meeting, and the same power which fixed the place of meeting having delegated to another the power to change such place, the fixing is but a rule of order, alterable at the pleasure of that body to which such power is delegated.

*Decision* 3. The committee fully concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 4. The committee concur with the M. W. Grand Sire that the terms of Grand Officers are for one year; and also in the decision that "Grand Officers who are elected for the brief period of three or four months would not be entitled to the official honors of said offices," in so far as the same does not conflict with the heretofore decision of this body. At the communication of 1848, page 1245, it was decided that "by voluntarily withdrawing from the duties of a station an officer forfeits the honors thereof, and the successor who fulfils the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors." The decision of the M. W. Grand Sire should therefore be so far qualified as to be consistent with the declared opinion of this body.

*Decision* 5. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 6. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 7. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 8. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 9. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 10. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 11. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 12. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 13. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 14. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

*Decision* 15. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that after an examination of the various papers which have been submitted to them they discover nothing which requires any additional attention from this Grand Lodge: the subject matters have either been already attended to or referred to their appropriate committees.

The Order is represented generally to be in a healthly and prosperous condition.

H. F. ASKEW,
JAMES M. CASSADY,
L. E. BALDWIN.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Dunlap from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, that a Subordinate Lodge has the right to grant the Noble Grand leave of absence for a majority of the nights of his term, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That the subject has already been considered by the Committee on the State of the Order, whose report may be found on page 1886, of the proceedings of the present communication. Your committee would state that their views correspond with those presented by the committee, "that a subordinate has no such right."

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of

P. G. S. G. Swan from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, would respectfully ask leave to report the following statement of facts:

P. G. Swan, at the February Session of the Grand Lodge of Texas, offered a resolution "that it shall be necessary for the officers of a Subordinate Lodge to receive the Degree of Rebekah, in addition to the requisites required, before they are competent to the several offices of a Subordinate Lodge." The yeas and nays upon the resolution being required, it was decided in the negative—yeas 6, nays 9. Whereupon P. G. Swan appealed to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee find nothing informal or wrong in the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and would offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of P. G. S. G. Swan be dismissed.

WM. ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a certain paper purporting to be a copy of amendments made to the by-laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully beg leave to report:

That your committee do not deem the by-laws of a Grand Lodge, or amendments thereto, a legitimate matter of reference to the Committee on Constitutions. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representative of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have leave to withdraw the paper referred to in the foregoing report.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the amendments to the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to article ix. section 7 of the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina be and is hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the amendment to article iii. section 1 of the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, adopted by that body on the 21st of January, 1852, be *not* approved. A Grand Lodge can hold its meetings only at such places as may be designated by its constitution and by-laws, or by its charter.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and now recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky be and is hereby required to alter its constitution by striking out all of section 3, article iii., after the word "*chairs*," in 4th line; also, sections 4 and 5 of the same article; also, in the 5th line of section 3, article iv., the words "*been elected into and*"—that portion of said constitution being contrary to section 20 on pages 50 and 51 of the Digest.

*Resolved*, That said Grand Lodge be further required to erase from its constitution, in line 21, section 1, article viii., the words "*or Subordinate Lodges;*" also, in line 25, same section and article, the words "*or of the Subordinate Lodges.*" The powers of a Grand Master over Subordinate Lodges being sufficiently defined in section 6, pages 46 and 47 of the Digest.

*Resolved*, That said Grand Lodge be further required to erase from its constitution, in section 4, article xiv., all after the words "*Grand Lodge*"—the laws or usages of the Order not recognising a re-initiation.

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, whenever altered as required by the foregoing resolutions, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a resolution of Rep. Race, of La., as found on page 1846 of the Journal, asking authority for the R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana to amend her constitution as follows:

Amend article vi, section 3, by striking out the word *fifteen*, in the third line, and inserting the word *five*.

Article vi, section 4, by striking out the word *fifteen*, and inserting the word *five*, and add to the same section, after the words "*paid for relief*," the following, viz. "and any encampment failing to comply with the requirements contained in sections 3 and 4 of this article shall be fined ten dollars for each failure."

Article iii, section 3, by striking out the whole section and substituting therefor the following, viz: "The nomination and election of each elective officer shall take place at the regular annual session in January, in the order of enumeration in section 1st of this article."

Beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the authority asked for by the R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana be and is hereby granted.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of the Territory of New Mexico, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That Paradise Lodge, No. 2, be required to amend section 8 of article vi. constitution so as to require the Secretary and Treasurer to be members of the Scarlet Degree.

*Resolved*, That said Lodge be required to amend section 7 of article viii. constitution so that a certificate to receive the past official degrees be furnished to all Past Officers without taking a vote thereon. (See Digest, pages 43, 44 and 50, sections 5, 7 and 21.)

*Resolved*, That the constitution and by-laws of said Paradise Lodge, No. 2, when amended as directed in the foregoing resolutions be and are hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, of the Territory of New Mexico, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

*Resolved*, That Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, of New Mexico, be and is hereby required to amend section 8 of article viii. constitution so that a certificate to receive the past official degrees be furnished without a vote thereon to all past officers entitled thereto. (See Digest, pages 43, 44 and 50, sections 5, 7 and 21.)

*Resolved*, That the constitution and by-laws of said Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, when amended as directed in the foregoing resolution, be and are hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read, and, by special order, considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the applications for a Grand Lodge in California, respectfully report:

That the several communications accompanying said application contain charges against the D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction, which, if true, requires the prompt intervention of executive authority. They would therefore recommend their further reference to the Committee on Correspondence for investigation.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, by special order, considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, for the purpose of allotting the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and now recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, 1st. That so much thereof as relates to the "Honolulu Hall Fund" and the Order in the Sandwich Islands be referred to the committee on that subject under the M. W. Grand Sire's Report.

2d. That so much as relates to the Wildey Annuity be referred to the special committee on that subject under the M. W. Grand Sire's Report.

3d. That so much as relates to the new edition of the Journal; to the manner of keeping the books and accounts; to the balances due by individuals; to the accounts of D. D. G. Sire Ballou, of Vermont; to the indebtedness of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine; to the claim for indemnity of D. D. G. Sire Amos Mathews, and "State Encampment, No. 3," of Iowa; and all other matters of finance, together with the several accounts and financial statements of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

4th. That so much as relates to the Order in Great Britain be referred to the special committee having that part of the M. W. Grand Sire's report relative thereto in charge.

5th. That so much as relates to the Order in British North America, and all other correspondence not otherwise herein referred, to the Committee on Correspondence.

6th. That so much as relates to an application for an additional Encampment in Texas; to an application for a Lodge in Oregon; to the Order in California; and to the issuing of warrants for Encampments and Lodges in Iowa, Florida, Oregon, Minnesota, and New Mexico, be referred to the Committee on Petitions

7th. That so much as relates to the returns and correspondence from Minnesota and New Mexico be referred to the Committee on Returns.

8th. That so much as relates to the "advertisement for sealed proposals for printing the Journals of this Body, together with such proposals," be referred to the Committee on Printing.

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WILSON SMALL,
CHARLES BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred sundry papers relating to the union of the Order in England and America, ask leave to report as follows:

The documents in the hands of your committee are the following:

1. A letter signed by John N. Davis, certifying that he was in destitute circumstances in London, and his case being presented to a Lodge of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in that city, his wants were promptly relieved; and further, that he was the bearer of certain papers to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. A communication addressed to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America, purporting to emanate from the Central Corresponding Delegate Committee of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England, and to be signed in behalf thereof, but which in fact has no signature. This paper urges a union of the Order in England and America, and intimates that there is on the part of the members in England an ardent desire for the accomplishment of that object.

3. A document containing the names of some four hundred members and officers of the Order, who are in favor of and urge the adoption of the proposed measure.

4. A printed list of sixty-four Lodges, as belonging to the Order, all of whom it is understood are in favor of this measure.

Your committee deem it proper to state that there are several Orders of Odd-Fellows in England between whom and the Order in the United States there are few points of resemblance except in name and the several objects contemplated. The papers in the hands of your committee do not come from that Order of Odd-Fellows from which the Order in the United States has formally separated, but from another and a distinct body. What correspondence there may be between the work, the usages, and customs of that Order and our own, your committee are not informed. It is presumed, however, that there is little or none. This fact is deemed of itself an insuperable barrier to the union proposed, unless, indeed, the Ancient Order in England should adopt our work; for it is believed that this Grand Lodge should not abandon its work or hold fellowship with any body that does not re-

cognise that work. Anxious as this Grand Lodge is to extend the beneficent influences of Odd-Fellowship, and hasten the time when our beloved Order shall be one and undivided throughout the Globe, nevertheless it is deemed proper to say distinctly to all similar institutions of every name and country who may desire a union with us, that such union can only be consummated by their coming to us; we cannot go to them. The policy of this Grand Lodge is fixed—its beautiful ritual is established—its laws and customs are already defined—and having been submitted to the test of practical experiment, have been found to work admirably. If any body of men, at home or abroad, shall feel disposed to come into our fraternity, take our name, assume our obligations, and perform our work, and shall distinctly make proposals to that effect, no doubt this Grand Lodge will lend a favorable ear to such overtures. To nothing short of this should this Grand Lodge listen. The committee deem this definite statement due, in candor and courtesy, to that body which has approached us in a spirit of kindness, and should therefore be treated with all friendship.

In the present instance your committee are constrained to say that the papers in their possession lack authentication, and are so indefinite in themselves as to render any action of this Grand Lodge unnecessary, except such as is indicated in the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and hereby is directed to forward a copy of this report, together with the action of this Grand Lodge thereon, to the Central Corresponding Delegate Committee of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England, and inform the said committee that his office is the appropriate channel through which they can approach this Grand Lodge, as also of our high appreciation of their kindness in relieving the necessities of a member of this jurisdiction.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
R. W. SEYMOUR.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the Lodge agreed to consider the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be raised by election, to whom shall be referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to report such amendments thereto as they shall deem to be required by the Order.

*Resolved*, That the said committee have leave to sit during the recess, provided such session shall not exceed one week, and the same compensation shall be allowed per diem to the members of the committee as is now allowed to Grand Representatives.

*Resolved*, That the said committee be instructed to present their report on the first day of the next communication, with power to have two hundred copies of the same printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the report of the said committee do lie upon the table during the communication of 1853, and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1854.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved to amend the first resolution by striking out "three" and inserting "five;" which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the first resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second resolution—

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., moved to amend by striking out the "three last resolutions," and inserting the following:

*Resolved*, That the said committee report at the present session of this Grand Lodge, and that their report do lie upon the table, and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1853.

The question being on the amendment—

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was put as follows: "Shall the second resolution submitted by Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, be adopted?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the third resolution—

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved to amend as follows, which was not adopted:

*Resolved*, That the said committee shall have power to have five hundred copies of their report printed; at least one copy thereof furnished to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and Grand Representative, under this jurisdiction, on or before May 1, 1853, for their consideration; and that said report shall be made the order of the day for the first day of the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The question recurring on the third resolution of Rep. DeSaussure, it was adopted.

The fourth resolution being under consideration, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the words "That the report of the said committee," and insert the words, "shall be considered and may be amended, and if the constitution as reported, or reported and amended, shall be approved by the votes of a majority of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the annual session of 1853, it shall lie upon the table until the annual session of 1854, at which time it shall be considered and voted upon as a whole, without being divided or amended."

Rep. Hunt, of D. C., moved further to amend by adding the following to the fourth resolution:

"Without amendment, the vote at that communication being taken on adoption or rejection of the amendments of 1853."

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the previous question, which being seconded the question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., asked and obtained leave to withdraw his amendment; which carried the amendment of Rep. Hunt, of D. C., with it.

The question recurred on the fourth resolution of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the by-laws, submitted by Rep. Stuart, of D. C., page 1845; which being under consideration Rep. Hunter, of Va., moved to amend the amendment as follows:

*Resolved*, That the sixteenth rule of order be amended by striking out all after the words in italics, and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "And if carried in the affirmative, the question shall be taken without further debate upon the pending question."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Stuart, of D. C., to amend the rules of order?" and it was resolved in the affirmative, the question having been taken *seriatim*.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., the Lodge proceeded to receive nominations for the committee provided for by the resolution just adopted, raising a committee of five upon amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order, when the following were made:

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| By Rep. Simpson, of Pa., | Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C. |
| By Rep. Gruman, of Conn., | G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, of D. C. |
| By Rep. Sligo, of Pa., | Rep. Anners, of Pa. |
| By Rep. Gyles, of S. C., | Rep. Colfax, of Ind. |
| By Rep. Mathews, of Ky., | Rep. Williamson, of Ky. |
| By Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, | Rep. Williams, of Ohio. |
| By Rep. Robinson, of Va., | Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y. |
| By Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., | Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va. |
| By Rep. Senter, of N. H., | Rep. Ellison, of Mass. |
| By Rep. Kempton, of Ga., | Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y. |
| By Rep. Hunt, of D. C., | Rep. Stuart, of D. C. |
| By Rep. Baldwin, of Conn., | Rep. Manchester, of R. I. |
| By Rep. Potts, of Ill., | Rep. Askew, of Del. |
| By Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., | Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y. |
| By Rep. Conley, of Ga., | P. G. S. Griffin, of Ga. |
| By Rep. Jennings, of Ala., | G. Sec. Ridgely, of Md. |
| By Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., | Rep. Crickard, of La. |
| By Rep. Kellogg, of Wis., | Rep. Billinghurst, of Wis. |
| By Rep. Askew, of Del., | Rep. Munday, of Tenn. |
| By Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va. | Rep. Seymour, of S. C. |
| By Rep. Shaw, of La., | Rep. Glenn, of Ga. |
| By Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., | Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., |
| By Rep. Cassady, of N. J., | Rep. Gyles, of S. C. |
| By Rep. Magruder, of D. C., | Rep. Kellogg, of Mich. |
| By Rep. Shaw, of La., | Rep. Conley, of Ga. |

Reps. Gyles, Seymour, Conley, and Glenn respectively declined.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge agreed to take a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., by general consent, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to use their influence to have the "old work" for initiations in Subordinate Lodges restored.

*Resolved,* That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to use their best efforts to make the continuance of membership in the Encampment independent of the Subordinate Lodge.

The Lodge then proceeded to the order pending at the time of recess, to wit, the election of the committee on amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order—

When Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, moved to postpone the election until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

*Resolved,* That in balloting for the committee on amendments to the constitution and by-laws, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes upon each ballot shall be dropped.

The Chair appointed Reps. Sanders, of N. N. Y., Libby, of Mo. and Simpson, Pa., as tellers, who, having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were severally called, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| Rep. DeSaussure | received | 78 |
| Rep. Colfax | " | 60 |
| Rep. Barnard | " | 47 |
| Rep. Ellison | " | 32 |
| Rep. Griffin | " | 31 |
| Rep. Ridgely | " | 25 |
| Rep. Manchester | " | 20 |
| Rep. Kennedy | " | 20 |
| Rep. Williams | " | 16 |
| Rep. Williamson | " | 15 |
| Rep. Fitzhugh | " | 14 |
| Rep. Crickard | " | 12 |
| Rep. Moore | " | 9 |
| Rep. Askew | " | 8 |
| Rep. Stuart | " | 7 |
| Rep. Hale | " | 7 |
| Rep. Anners | " | 6 |
| Rep. Vennigerholz | " | 6 |
| Rep. Billinghurst | " | 6 |
| Rep. Kellogg | " | 6 |
| Rep. E. C. Robinson | " | 2 |
| Rep. Munday | " | 2 |

Whereupon the Chair announced that Reps. DeSaussure, Colfax, and Barnard, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were duly elected.

The name of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., was withdrawn.

The Lodge again proceeded to ballot, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| Rep. Ellison | received - - | 36 |
| P. G. Sire Griffin | " - - | 34 |
| Rep. Ridgely | " - - | 32 |
| Rep. Manchester | " - - | 26 |
| Rep. Fitzhugh | " - - | 11 |
| Rep. Kennedy | " - - | 10 |
| Rep. Williamson | " - - | 9 |
| Rep. Williams | " - - | 7 |
| Rep. Conley | " - - | 2 |
| Rep. Crickard | " - - | 2 |
| Rep. Kellogg | " - - | 1 |
| Rep. Askew | " - - | 1 |
| Rep. Anners | " - - | 1 |
| Blank | " - - | 1 |

And that no election had been had.

The names of Reps. Kellogg, Munday, Conley, Kennedy, Anners, Askew, Crickard, Williamson, and Williams were withdrawn.

The Lodge again proceeded to ballot, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number

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| Rep. Ellison | received - - | 48 |
| P. G. Sire Griffin | " - - - | 40 |
| Rep. Ridgely | " - - - | 32 |
| Rep. Manchester | " - - - | 28 |
| Rep. Fitzhugh | " - - - | 13 |
| Scattering | " - - - | 12 |

Whereupon the Chair declared that Rep. Ellison, of Mass., having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected.

Rep. Ridgely withdrew his name.

The Lodge proceeded again to the ballot, when the tellers, having received the votes, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. Sire Griffin | received - - | 58 |
| Rep. Manchester | " - - | 23 |
| Rep. Fitzhugh | " - - | 3 |
| Scattering | " - - - | 2 |

The Chair accordingly declared that P. Grand Sire R. H. Griffin, having received a majority of the votes cast, was duly elected.

Whereupon Reps. DeSaussure, Colfax, Barnard, Ellison, and P. Grand Sire Griffin were announced to be the duly elected committee.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution, by general consent:

*Resolved*, That a copy of the resolutions offered by Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., be forwarded to the State Grand Bodies at as early a day as possible after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, and that they be requested to submit to this R. W. Body at its next session, through their Representatives, such amendments or suggestions in reference to the constitution of this Grand Lodge as in their judgment may be necessary to accomplish the object in view.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Stuart, of D. C., it was adopted.

By general consent Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The chairman of the committee specially appointed "to inquire into the amount of revenue and expenditures of the various Subordinate Lodges attached to the several State jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge, with reference to establishing the same upon some solvent and stable basis, and report thereon, and upon the expediency of uniform rates of fees and benefits"—the residue of such committee having ceased to be members of this R. W. Grand Body—would respectfully report:

That they have addressed communications to the Representatives of all the State Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Body, and in most cases have received copies of their printed proceedings, many with and many without any statistics; and from them such information cannot be derived as is requisite to enable your committee to make such a report as the importance of the resolution demands.

From such information as your committee have been able to obtain, they are more strongly impressed with the urgent necessity of speedy and judicious legislation upon the subjects presented by said resolution. The sums required upon initiation and for degrees are not uniform throughout the jurisdiction, but range from five to thirty dollars for initiation, and from one to five dollars each for the degrees; and while these rates afford to some Lodges an ample fund to meet all demands upon their treasury, the funds of others are found totally inadequate, without resorting to an assessment upon their members. Your committee find, upon an examination of the printed proceedings of fourteen of the largest Grand Bodies, that their whole revenue amounts to the sum of $549,318 56, and their relief bills to the sum of $296,043 75, and that the same do not contain any statements of expenditures for buildings, paraphernalia, expenses, &c., which must greatly lessen the available funds. Wherefore your committee cannot find a basis from these proceedings to ground a report upon suggestive of the remedy demanded by the resolution.

Upon reference to the great increase in the bills of mortality, consequent upon age, as demonstrated by the tables prepared from observation and mathematical calculation, it will be found that of 7134 who reach the age required to take upon themselves the duties and responsibilities of our Order, only about 6032 reach the age of thirty-five, the meridian of manhood; and at the age of fifty-five only about 4727 will be left, and among these the grim destroyer will be so active that every year the ratio will increase, and at the age of seventy but few will be left. Some there will be who will linger on until the close

of the century, and at an hundred and six the drama of life will end, and the last brother drop into the grave, and the last spirit will have departed. These considerations, in the opinion of your committee, abundantly demonstrate the imperative necessity of efficient and speedy action in this matter; but when the relief bills are taken into account, that it will be incumbent upon our Order to pay for the care and sustenance of our sick and distressed brethren, in addition to the burying of our dead and educating the orphan, your committee believe that the care and supervision which the members of this R. W. Grand Body are accustomed to exercise over their own pecuniary matters, as evinced by their intelligence and personal appearance, will prompt them to make some permanent provision for the old age of our Order. We are now young and vigorous, but as time wears upon all things, so it will wear upon us, and soon bring upon our Order every where the decrepitude and infirmities of old age. It will be found, upon reference to the sick lists prepared for health insurance companies, that at the age of twenty-one it is estimated that one week, and at the age of thirty-five three weeks per annum, is the time allowed for sickness, and upon which their calculations are based; and if our Order adopts the same rule, it will at once be discovered that the funds of such Lodges as initiate for five dollars, and charge four dollars per annum for dues, must and will ultimately be greatly deficient in means to discharge such liabilities as the laws of our Order make incumbent upon them. Again, when the fact is taken into consideration that large sums are expended necessarily for the construction of halls, for furniture, and regalia appropriate to the necessities and work of the Order, and that very many of the Subordinate Lodges have large sums, while there are others without ready money in their treasury, and have debts hanging over them, the conviction is irresistible that insolvency must follow, and that something should be done to ensure permanency in the financial affairs of our Order.

The subject of friendly societies has been often agitated in the British Parliament, and been regarded as of great magnitude, and great have been the efforts, by enactment of law, to place their financial matters upon some sure and permanent basis; but your committee, although they have made great efforts, have not been able to procure any of the reports or enactments there made, and are therefore unable to further speak of their contents.

We cannot close this report without reference to the relief paid for the last year by Southern New York, which amounts to the large sum of $72,119, divided among 18,290, giving to each member about $4; and when the expenses are taken into account, there is but very little doubt but the $4 will be increased to 6 or $8. This, it may be said, is a city population. Take, then, other jurisdictions. Ohio—her relief bill has amounted to $2 70 per member for the last year; and that of Pennsylvania to the sum of $4 90 per member. These are only three of the many cases which might be referred to, showing the necessity of legislation upon this subject.

Your committee have, from these facts, reached the conclusion to

recommend that each Lodge subordinate to the respective State Grand Bodies be required to make returns of the amount of all funds on hand, moneys and securities of every name and kind, of all sums paid for relief, and for buildings, rents, furniture, regalia, fuel, lights, and each of them, and for any and all other expenses, to their respective Grand Bodies; which returns shall be embraced in their returns to this R. W. Grand Body, which only, in the opinion of your committee, can afford a proper basis to found action upon to attain the objects of the resolution.

All of which is repectfully submitted.

EDGAR C. DIBBLE.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report:

The returns from the following Grand Lodges as correct, viz: Northern New York, Southern New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, Vermont, Delaware, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Maine, North Carolina, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Michigan, Texas, Missouri, Alabama, Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

Also, the returns from the following Grand Encampments as correct, viz: Massachusetts, Northern New York, Southern New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Maine, North Carolina, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Louisiana, Wisconsin, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Virginia, and Rhode Island. The return from Alabama is deficient in seal and signatures of Grand Officers.

The returns from the following Subordinate Lodges as correct, viz: Paradise Lodge, No. 2; Minnesota, No. 1; St. Paul's, No. 2; Montezuma, No. 1; John G. Potts, No. 3; and Excelsior, No. 1.

The returns from the following Subordinate Encampments as correct, viz: Iowa, No. 6; Halcyon, No. 2; Puckechetuck, No. 7; Eureka, No. 2; Good Samaritan, No. 5; Prairie Camp, No. 4; Fort Smith, No. 3; Arkansas, No. 2; Eagle, No. 1; Green Mountain, No. 3; Minnesota, No. 1; Lone Star, No. 1; and Ascutney, No. 3.

There being some doubts relative to the passage of a law by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session requiring the Grand and Subordinate Bodies under its jurisdiction to return to this body a statement of the amount of funds in the treasuries of the several Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, also the amount set apart for widows' or orphan funds, many of the State Grand Bodies have failed to comply with the regulation, and your committee not being able to perceive what benefit could be obtained from said law, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the resolution of Rep. Pindell, of Kentucky, page 1768, be repealed.

TIM. G. SENTER,
J. P. NORMAN,
P. A. HACKLEMAN.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., presented an appeal from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, to wit, the consideration of pending amendments to the constitution, in the order in which they appeared on the programme reported by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, in pursuance of the resolution of the last session.

Rep. Munday, of Tenn., moved the following resolution, which was not adopted:

*Resolved*, That all the pending amendments to the constitution and rules of order of the R. W. Grand Lodge, which, under the rule, come up for action at the present session, be referred to the special committee upon the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order.

The following propositions in amendment of the constitution were then successively taken up, and, each of them having been acted upon separately, they were indefinitely postponed:

Strike out article 1 and insert as follows: "This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as are provided in this Constitution, and none other. All State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and cannot legally exist without its sanction. With the consent of any Grand Lodge or Encampment, it may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, from the decision of a Grand Lodge or Encampment; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled or suspended Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its charter, books, and effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Encampment. To it belongs the exclusive power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which concern Odd-Fellowship; and also the exclusive power to publish all books or papers relating to the work of the Order, or any part thereof, and all cards, diplomas, and certificates connected with the Order. It has power to establish Lodges or Encampments in States, Districts, Territories, and Foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, and to regulate the intercourse between the Order under its territorial jurisdiction and the Order in foreign countries. The unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered and amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge."

Article 1. Strike out first paragraph, ending with "final and conclusive," and insert: "This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F. It is a representative body, possessing such jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as is authorized by this constitution."

Article 1. Amend by inserting the words "added to" after the words in the last clause, "That the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be," and also by inserting the words "added to" after the words "the written work of the Order shall in no wise be," in the same clause.

Article 3. Strike from article 3, the word "at," where it first occurs, and insert "on the 1st day of." Strike from the same article the words, "at the stated meeting next ensuing their election," and insert in lieu thereof, "on the last day of the meeting at which they shall have been elected." Strike from same article the words "installed at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers," and insert, "forthwith installed."

Article 3. Add, "In all elections by ballot, after the second balloting, all names except those of the highest three candidates shall be dropped from the list."

Article 8. Strike out article 8, and insert: "The Past Grand Sires and the Grand Sire at the time of the adoption of this alteration of the constitution shall be admitted to seats in Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not Representatives; but all succeeding Past Grand Sires shall be limited to the powers of sitting in the Grand Lodge, and of making and debating motions."

Article 8. Strike out all after the words "Past Grand Sires," in the first line, and insert as follows: "Whose term had expired previous to Tuesday, the 16th September, 1851, shall be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not Representatives."

Article 8. Strike out and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote and speak on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, but this privilege shall not be extended to any Grand Sire who shall not have passed the Chair at the time of the adoption of this article; provided that no Past Grand Sire shall be entitled to vote as such whilst occupying a seat as a Grand Representative."

Article 10. Strike out the words, "more than one thousand members, one additional vote," and instead thereof insert as follows: "One thousand members, two votes; four thousand members, three votes; and for each additional six thousand members, one additional vote; but no Grand Body shall be entitled to more than two representatives. Should the representatives vote on different sides, the excess of votes beyond one for each shall not be counted."

Article 11. Strike from first line the word "annually," and insert "biennially." Strike every thing from the constitution recognising the existence of Grand Encampments.

Article 11. Amend it in the second line by striking out "Monday" and inserting "Wednesday."

Article 11. Amend it by striking out the word "Monday" and inserting "Wednesday."

Article 11. Strike out the word "third" in second line, and insert the word "second."

The proposed amendment to the constitution, offered by Rep. Conley, of Ga., as follows, was considered and adopted, to wit:

Amend article 11 by striking out the word "third," in the second line, and inserting the word "first."

The yeas and nays on this amendment were as follows:

YEAS—Billinghurst, Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, Dufour, Fitzhugh, Foute, Glenn, Gillespie, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Hunter, (2 votes,) Jennings, Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mathews, Morton, Mulford, Mullen, Munday, Newby, Norman, Potts, Ridgely, I. Robinson, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simes, Smiley, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, Wood—64.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Bradbury, Carlisle, Drew, Ellison, Froment, Green, Gruman, Hale, Kennedy, Libby, Lynes, Race, Remington, Ruple, Simpson, Sligo, Tuxbury—23.

The next proposed amendment to the constitution, offered by Rep. Colfax, of Ind., to article 11, as follows, was, on his motion, indefinitely postponed:

Amend by striking out "the third Monday in September," and inserting "the second Thursday in September."

On motion, the Lodge adjourned to meet in secret session this evening, at 7 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—Nine o'clock A. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., presented the credentials of P. Rep. Wm. R. Smith, of Me., vice Rep. Emerson, resigned, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, relative to the preparation of a form of dedicating halls of State Grand and Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report:

That the committee are unable during the press of business to prepare such forms, nor is it usual for such duty to devolve upon a standing committee. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the appended resolution:

*Resolved*, That the duty of preparing a form of dedicating halls of Grand and Subordinate Lodges be referred to a special committee of three, to report thereon at the next annual communication.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, relative to a restoration of the "old work" for initiations, and also upon the subject of membership in Encampments and Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report:

That the committee can see no benefit which will result from a return to the old work, and recommend that the suggestion be not adopted.

The committee also deem it inexpedient to make any change in the existing law upon the subject of cotemporaneous membership in the two branches of the Order. While the representation in this body continues to legislate for both branches, it is but proper to preserve the law unchanged.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the majority of the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, relative to the use of the German language in Subordinate Lodges, repectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee it would be highly inexpedient to make a change in the existing law. Its effect would be to place the Lodges to a great extent beyond the supervision of their respective State Grand Bodies.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Small, from the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned respectfully dissents from the opinion and recommendation of the majority of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolutions submitted by Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., relative to the record of minutes in German Subordinate Lodges, for the following reason:

A very large portion of the inhabitants of New York are German, and the number is daily increasing throughout the entire country. There are at this time ten Subordinate Lodges working in the German language in the Southern jurisdiction of New York; there is an impossibility of obtaining the services of proper persons to record their minutes in the English language; and the undersigned feels confident, unless relief be granted as desired, that those Lodges must necessarily surrender their charters.

The undersigned would therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the resolutions submitted by Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., as recorded at page 1895 of the proceedings of the present communication.

WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand Fabri, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana,

upon the right of a Grand Body to omit recording any part of its proceedings, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee a State Grand Body has an undoubted right to omit recording such of their proceedings as, in its judgment, should not appear upon the record. To what extent it would be proper for State Grand Lodges to exercise this right, does not come within the duties of your committee to determine. The committee would respectfully offer the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the appellant have leave to withdraw his appeal

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Michael Seagers, Isaac Schrivers, and William Mathews, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, in refusing to allow a Representative and a P. H. Priest from the same Subordinate Encampment to cast more than *one* vote for Grand Officers, on the ground that Representatives and Past Officers from the same Subordinate Encampment are entitled to cast but *one* vote collectively, beg leave to report:

That the papers come before us in an unofficial form, neither the signature of the Grand Scribe nor the seal of the Grand Encampment being thereto affixed. They therefore beg to be discharged from the consideration of said appeal, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the appeal of Michael Seagers and others be dismissed on the ground of informality.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
OLIVER DUFOUR,
HENRY F. ANNERS.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand G. N. Seagrave from the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, sustaining the decision of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, in not allowing an appeal from its decision, in refusing to permit the Secretary of the Lodge to give his certificate that certain members had signed a protest against the judgment of the Lodge as being excessive in a case of expulsion, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That, from the brief statement furnished the committee, they see no reason why the decision of St. Mary's Lodge should not be sustained by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Your committee believe that State Grand Lodges are themselves competent to decide questions of the

character here presented, and where such decisions do not conflict with constitutional enactments of this body, they should be final and conclusive. The committee append the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the appeal of Past Grand G. N. Seagrave be not sustained.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a memorial from Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, California, asking that "sec. 3 of art. xiii. of the constitution of this Grand Lodge be suspended so far as its action affects that Lodge," have given the matter their careful attention, and would ask leave to report:

That although they fully appreciate the many difficulties under which our brethren of that distant State labor, your committee cannot recommend the granting of their petition, as it would be establishing a bad precedent, and place said Lodge on a different footing from similarly situated Lodges in different parts of the country. The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the petition of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, be *not* granted.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Shaw, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance have carefully examined and recommend the payment of the following bills, viz:

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| Thomas J. Cochran & Bro., for Ice, | $5 52 |
| John E. Chamberlain, for newspapers, | 8 00 |
| M. W. Grand Sire, for postage, | 13 50 |
| " " Adams's Express, | 1 25 |
| " " for refunding cash paid for copying letters and other documents, | 11 50 |
| Assistant Messenger and cleaning Grand Lodge room during present session, | 22 00 |
| Extra charge for engraving portraits, | 40 00 |
| J. J. Johnson, small desk for Grand Messenger, | 16 00 |
| Louis Bonsal, for stationery, | 11 00 |
| Total, | $128 77 |

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Shaw, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the application of San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, of California, to refund "the amount of per centage paid for the year ending the first of the present month, $229 59, report as follows:

We have duly taken into consideration the facts, as stated in the communication from that Lodge, and while regarding with satisfaction their many acts in relieving the distressed, yet we deem it inexpedient to refund the amount asked for, it being inconsistent with the regulations of the Order.

G. W. SHAW.
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

On motion of Rep. Vansant, of Md., the Lodge agreed to take up the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, presented by Rep. Williams, of Ohio, (page 1843,) when, on his motion, they were referred to the committee on amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., the second of the series of resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States yesterday, providing for the payment of the per diem of the committee on amendments to the constitution, was reconsidered, when, on his motion, the said resolution was amended by adding the words "and mileage" after the words "per diem;" and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., by general consent, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the Degree of Rebekah translated into the German language, and a sufficient number of copies printed to furnish each of the German Lodges with two copies of the same.

Rep. Crickard, of La., moved to amend by having the same translated into the French language, and that two hundred copies of the same be printed.

On motion of Rep Vansant, of Md., the whole subject was laid on the table.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials report the certificate of appointmen of P. G. M. Wm. R. Smith, of Maine, as authenticated by the signature of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine and seal of said Grand Lodge, but not attested by the Grand Secretary.

*Resolved*, That P. G. M. Wm. R. Smith, of Maine, be admitted to a seat as Grand Representative in this Grand Lodge from said State.

E. C. ROBINSON,
G. W. SHAW,
WILSON SMALL.

On motion of Rep. Hardenburgh, of N. C., the Lodge agreed to take up the reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

By general consent, Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

*Resolved*, That the six-months terms of the Subordinate Lodges having failed to be beneficial to the Order at large, the same be repealed; and the three months terms restored, to go in effect at the next January session of Subordinates.

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of having the charges, installation, five subordinate degrees, and degree of Rebekah translated into the French and German languages.

Rep. Sligo, of Pa., by general consent, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment the power to direct its presiding officer to take the charter from one of its Subordinates who shall have neglected or refused to obey a mandate of said Grand Bodies, without first giving said Subordinate a trial or opportunity of defence of their conduct?

Rep. McCord, of Iowa, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions

On motion of Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., leave of absence was granted to his colleague, Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., leave of absence, after to-day, was granted to his colleague, Rep. Chester, of Mich.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS every Past Grand duly qualified is, by the organic law of the Order, a member of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he has served; and whereas the enactments of this Grand Lodge provide that a State Grand Lodge may, under certain circumstances, restrict the exercise of its legislative authority to such representative basis as may be necessary or convenient; and whereas diversity of opinion and difference of practice exist in regard to the proper mode of interpreting and applying the law, some believing that the legislative members of a Grand Lodge should be elected in Subordinate Lodges, and by the members thereof, and others maintaining that a Grand Lodge is bound by the terms of her charter "to administer to all Past Grands the privileges of a Grand Lodge," that the election or appointment of legislative members is a duty assigned to a Grand Lodge, and can only be exercised by the members thereof; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to consider and report upon the subject of the proper method of constituting a Grand Lodge whose legislation is restricted to a representative basis.

Rep. Glenn, of Ga., moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into and report whether a Lodge, to whom the withdrawal card of a brother is presented, has the right to mutilate said card by endorsing on the same "rejected," and then returning it to the brother.

Rep. Newby, of N. C., proposed the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

In processions of the Order, what rule of precedence should be observed where Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments turn out as *separate* bodies, and not as members of Subordinate *Lodges* alone?

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That so much of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas as relate to the passage of a law requiring payment of benefits by Subordinate Lodges to sick stranger brothers, primarily referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, be now (with that committee's consent) referred to the Legislative Committee, to whom it originally should have been referred.

Rep. Harmon, of Me., presented a memorial of the Grand Encampment of Maine, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to reconsider the order adopted this morning, to take up the reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal, which was agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Rep. Hardenburgh, of N. C., to proceed to the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Foute, of Miss., the Grand Lodge agreed to go into secret session.

The Lodge having been some hours engaged in secret session, closed the same, and resumed its ordinary legislative business.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Kennedy, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to deficiencies in the laws of the Order, respectfully report:

That the uniform action of the Grand Lodge of the United States recognises one year as the only proper term of service of the officers of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. The confirmation of the constitutions of Grand Bodies has recognised and established that period as the only term of such officers; and before any change could be effected it would require action on the part of this Grand Lodge. No legislation is therefore required at this time.

As to the deficiency in the laws on the subjects of the renewal of membership by persons holding expired cards, and the manner of

replacing those lost or destroyed, your committee submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in the case of a brother who has honorably withdrawn by card from his Subordinate Lodge, and has remained out of the Order for a period of twelve months, his card thereupon becomes invalid for the purpose of visiting, but remains effective as evidence of previous good standing in the Order, when application is made for a renewal of membership.

*Resolved*, That a brother who has so withdrawn his card, and which card may have been lost or destroyed, on satisfactory proof thereof, may be re-admitted to membership as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and will be entitled to the rank he may prove himself as having attained.

*Resolved*, That when a card of withdrawal may have been lost or destroyed, the Lodge which issued the same may grant a certificate under seal setting forth the fact of such original issue; and the certificate so granted may be used in lieu of a card as evidence of previous good standing.

*Resolved*, That persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be re-admitted by initiation.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Dufour, of Indiana, beg leave to report:

That they have considered the same, and deem any change in the present mode of granting and issuing cards as inexpedient. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred certain action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, respectfully report:

That by the present form of card it is in the power of the officers of the Lodge to express the degree or rank of a brother at the time of filling it up. Your committee do not consider any additional legislation required, and respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proceedings

of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York relative to Encampment degrees, beg leave to report:

That after a careful consideration of the measure proposed, they are prepared to avow that the system of grade in the Order is one of vital importance to its prosperity, and especially do they regard favorably the proposal to make the Encampment degrees an additional qualification for seats in Grand Lodges. But your committee regard the time unpropitious for the introduction of a change so important. The proper period for the introduction of that qualification was when the Order was in its youth, when but few persons would have been affected by the operation of change. At this time it might work great evil, in being regarded oppressive to a large number of individuals, who have attained membership in Grand Lodges; and this Grand Lodge should adopt no new measure which would have the effect of creating undue excitement in the Order, or which would give encouragement to any wide-extended dissatisfaction. The committee would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred sundry bids for printing the daily revised Journal of proceedings of this Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and report that the bid of Bro. James Young, of the city Baltimore, was found to be lowest. The paper and style in which he proposes to do the work being satisfactory to your committee, they have entered into a contract for the execution of the same. The Journal is to be printed upon paper a sample of which is attached to the contract accompanying this report. The committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is prohibited from making payment for the printing of the revised Journal of the present session until the same shall be complete and delivered in conformity with the contract accompanying this report.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to publish an advertisement in one daily newspaper in the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Cincinnatti, inviting proposals for the printing of this body, as follows:

For composition—plain, figure work, and rule and figure work, per 1000 ems; including the furnishing of stereotype plates, of size uniform with the Journal of proceedings, from new type.

Press work, per token, of 16 octavo pages, for the printing of 8000 copies; also, price for additional copies, per token.

Folding, stitching, and trimming, in good paper covers, per 100 copies.

Also, for printing odes, as now required. Specimens of paper, with prices marked thereon, to accompany each proposition.

A. S. KELLOGG,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
WM. G. WILLIAMS.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to the indebtedness of the said Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have carefully considered the subject, and that the documents, together with the statements made by the Representatives of that Grand Lodge, show conclusively to your committee that the Grand Lodge of Maine is at this time utterly unable to pay its indebtedness. The Grand Lodge of Maine, through its Representatives, proposes to pay annually the sum of one hundred dollars, with the interest on the whole amount annually, until the amount of the indebtedness is liquidated. The committee therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be authorized to settle the claim against the Grand Lodge of Maine upon the terms proposed in the above report.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY.

The Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, to wit, the consideration of pending amendments to the constitution.

The following proposed amendment to the constitution, offered by Rep. Colfax, of Ind., was considered:

Article 12. Strike out the words "fifty dollars per annum," in the fourth clause, being the representative tax, and insert the words "twenty dollars."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Baldwin, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Dufour, Gruman, Hackleman, Hayward, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Wis., Lynes, Mulford, Stuart, Taylor, Williams—21.

NAYS—Anners, Barnard, (2 votes,) Chester, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, De Saussure, Drew, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Glenn, Gillespie, Green, Gyles, Hale, Hansford, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hicks, Hunt of Texas, Hunter, Jennings, Kellogg of Mich., Kempton, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mathews, Mullen, (2 votes,) Newby, Norman, Potts, Race, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simpton, Simes, Sligo, Smiley, (2 votes,) Steele, Tuxbury, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williamson, Wood, Zimmerman—66.

The next amendment in order was one proposed by Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., as follows:

Article 11. Amend it by striking out in the fourth paragraph the words "fifty" and inserting "twenty-five."

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to lay the subject on the table for the present.

Rep. Ruple, of Pa., moved indefinitely to postpone the proposed amendment, which was agreed to.

The remaining subjects embraced in the pending special order consisted of the following propositions in amendment of the constitution, viz:

Article 12. In the second line strike out the figures "50," and insert "35."

Article 12. Amend by striking out the following, to wit: "The expenses of representatives and officers (excepting those to whom stated salaries are given) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge."

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the word "Master," and inserting after word R. P. Degree, "and G. E. Degree."

Article 14. Strike out from the words, "The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand Master, who shall have the R. P. degree, and be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge," and insert: "The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand, who shall have received the Royal Purple Degree, and be a member of a Subordinate Lodge and an Encampment."

Article 14. Strike out the word "Master," in the sixth line.

Article 14. Insert after the words "R. P. Degree," the following: "Or a Past Grand Patriarch who shall be a Past Grand, and every candidate shall be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and of a Subordinate Encampment."

Article 14. Amend it by inserting after the words "R. P. Degree," where they occur in said article, the words, "or a Past Grand Patriarch who shall be a Past Grand in good standing."

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the words "a Past Grand Master," and inserting "Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative" instead thereof.

Article 14. Strike out the word "Master," and insert after the letters "R. P." "and Grand Encampment."

Article 14. Strike out as it appears in the Digest, page 65, the word "Master," in the sixth line.

Article 14. Insert after the words "R. P. Degree" the following: "Or a Past Grand Patriarch who is also a Past Grand."

Article 18. Amend it by adding after the word "considered," "and any amendment may be perfected in phraseology, or placed in proper shape, so that the sense be not changed."

Article 18. Amend it by providing that no proposition to amend or alter this constitution shall be received at a session during which a proposition has been rejected embracing in substance the same matter, unless such proposed amendment or alteration proceed from a Grand State Body, and be duly authenticated.

Article 18. Amend it by striking out after the words "Grand Lodge" all that follows, and inserting, "By a Subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in good standing under this jurisdiction, and shall be entered on the minutes. At the next annual communication the amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of this constitution."

*Resolved*, That no article or clause of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge shall be subject to alteration or amendment but once in two years.

Article —. "The Grand Lodge shall choose a committee of five from among the present or past members of the body, which shall be called the Judicial Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall rank as officers of this Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to hear and pass upon all constitu-

tional and legal questions that may arise between this Grand Lodge and any State Grand Lodge or Encampment, or any Representative of any State Grand Body. The committee shall be chosen at first, one for one, one for two, one for three, one for four, and one for five years, and subsequently one shall be chosen each year for the period of five years. They shall be chosen separately by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast. If there be no election on the second ballot, the names of all candidates except the highest three on the list shall be dropped. The Grand Lodge may at any meeting fill any vacancy in this committee. The committee shall meet and sit at and during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, when all questions shall be argued before them orally or in writing, and their decisions shall be final, unless reversed by a three-fourth vote of the Grand Lodge. Any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or any Grand Representative, may at any time appeal from any decision of this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire, upon any legal or constitutional question, to this committee, and shall be heard. Members of this committee shall be entitled to speak in this Grand Lodge, but not vote, unless they be representatives."

Amend constitution by striking out all provisions recognising the existence of Grand and Subordinate Encampments, which are hereby abolished, and the Grand Lodge shall provide by-laws for the conferring of the Encampment degrees by Subordinate Lodges, and shall make such other regulations as may be necessary in consequence of the adoption of this article.

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., moved to postpone indefinitely all the above propositions except one, upon which a separate vote was desired by the Lodge.

And the motion of Rep. Gyles was agreed to.

The excepted proposition, being one submitted by Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, was then taken up, as follows:

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the word "Master," and inserting after the word R. P. Degree, "and G. E. Degree."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crutcher, Drew, Dufour, Fitzhugh, Foute, Glenn, Gillespie, Gruman, Hackleman, Hansford, Hicks, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Hunter, Jones, Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Lyford, Lynes, McCord, (2 votes,) Magruder, Marley, Mathews, Morton, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Munday, Norman, Race, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Seymour, Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Smiley, Steele, Taylor, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, Wood, Zimmerman—66.

NAYS—Bradbury, Crickard, DeSaussure, Froment, (2 votes,) Green, Gyles, Hardenburg, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Newby, Potts, Remington, I. Robinson, Stuart, Tuxbury—21.

Rep. Taylor, of N. J., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to ascertain the nature, value, and revenue of the securities held by this Grand Lodge against the property of P. G. Sire Wildey, would respectfully report:

That the securities consist of, first, an assignment of a bond and mortgage held by D. B. Banks against Thomas Wildey for four thousand dollars, and regularly assigned by said Banks to the Grand Lodge of the United States; second, a confession of judgment upon the part of Thomas Wildey to the Grand Lodge of the United States for four thousand dollars; which securities are upon the following property, viz: a farm of fifty acres of land, situated within six miles of Baltimore, the assessed value of which is four thousand and seventy dollars; also, two houses and lots in the city of Baltimore, the assessed value of which is three thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars; making the aggregate value of the whole property seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars. The revenue from the farm is about seventy-five dollars; from the city property, inclusive of ground-rent and taxes, and exclusive of his own residence, is three hundred and one dollars; making the nett revenue three hundred and seventy-six dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH N. TAYLOR,
R. W. SEYMOUR,
EDW. P. HUNTER.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the establishment of a Grand Encampment for the State of Iowa, respectfully report:

That they have examined the evidence relative to the matter referred, and recommend that the warrant issued by the Grand Sire, establishing the Grand Encampment of Iowa, be confirmed.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
S. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Manchester, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the application for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully report:

That through accident the petition and other formal papers which should accompany this application have not come to the possession of this Grand Lodge. Copies of the proceedings of a convention of Past Grands, at which such a petition was presented and approved, have been laid before the committee, with other evidence to show the intention of that convention, and the necessity which called it together. Your committee have no means of determining whether our laws have been complied with in the forms adopted; but from the papers before them, and from the testimony of J. G. Potts, D. D. Grand Sire of that Territory, your committee are fully persuaded that the establishment

of a Grand Lodge would be of great advantage to the Order in that distant jurisdiction, give united and new energy to the labors of brothers there, and additional permanency to individual Lodges. The committee would therefore recommend that whenever the proper petition be placed in the hands of the proper officers, and the forms required by our present laws shall be complied with, the M. W. Grand Sire be directed to issue to the proper officers of that district a dispensation for opening a Grand Lodge.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Manchester, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the application for a Subordinate Encampment at Washington, in the State of Texas, respectfully report:

That the petition before them is in the form required by our laws, but that there is no evidence that the withdrawal cards have been deposited in the hands of the District Deputy Grand Sire of Texas. From the high standing of many of the applicants as citizens, your committee believe that the Patriarchal branch of our Order can but be successful if sustained by their influence and labors. They would therefore recommend that upon the filing of the proper evidence, and compliance with our laws by the petitioners, the R. W. Grand Sire be directed to issue a dispensation for opening an Encampment at Washington, in the State of Texas.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
W. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee, having carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, ask permission to offer the following report:

The amount of receipts from Sept. 17, 1851, to Sept. 22d, 1852, are as follows:

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| For cash on hand at last report - - | $16,862 59 |
| Received for Wildey fund - - - | 1 00 |
| Do. Honolulu hall fund - - | 1,232 50 |
| Books - - - - - | 6,660 00 |
| Representative tax - - - | 4,400 00 |
| Dues - - - - - | 451 20 |
| Diplomas - - - - | 199 00 |
| Cards - - - - - | 3,988 30 |
| Warrants - - - - | 210 00 |

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| Odes | 163 29 |
| Balances | 268 27 |
| Miscellaneous | 249 47 |
| Total | $34,685 62 |
| Amount of disbursements, as per the report of Grand Treasurer Warner | 17,478 96 |
| Leaving in the hands of the Grand Treasurer | $17,206 66 |

*Assets of the Grand Lodge.*

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| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer | $15,973 16 | |
| Wildey and Honolulu fund, | 1,233 50 | |
| Maryland six per cents (cost $2,800) | 3,274 46 | |
| Wildey loan | $8,000 00 | |
| Less paid | 1,759 59 | |
| | 6,240 41 | |
| Due from sundry individuals | 671 35 | |
| Due from Grand Bodies | 1,392 17 | |
| | | $28,785 05 |

*Estimates for the ensuing year.—Disbursements.*

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| Salaries of officers | $2,300 00 | |
| Rent of office, gas, and fuel | 270 00 | |
| Mileage and per diem of members | 8,000 00 | |
| Postage and office expenses | 350 00 | |
| Printing and binding of revised Journal | 1,000 00 | |
| Daily Journal of session | 250 00 | |
| Printing revised Journal | 400 00 | |
| Incidental expenses | 150 00 | |
| Printing cards and books | 1,000 00 | |
| | | $13,720 00 |

*Receipts.*

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| Representative tax | $4,800 00 | |
| From State Bodies | 350 00 | |
| Books | 2,400 00 | |
| Proceedings (Revised Journal) | 2,500 00 | |
| Cards | 3,000 00 | |
| Odes | 150 00 | |
| Diplomas | 100 00 | |
| Warrants | 150 00 | |
| Interest on stocks | 160 00 | |
| From individual accounts | 250 00 | |
| | | $13,860 00 |

*Statement of supplies on hand.*

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| Cards | 33,682, | selling price | $3,368 20 |
| Degree Books | 616, | " | 1,232 00 |
| Charge Books | 947, | " | 1,894 00 |
| Rebekah Books | 1,241, | " | 1,241 00 |

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| Odes - - | 6,605, | selling price | 198 15 |
| Institution Books | 672, | " | 672 00 |
| Grand Lodge Books | 150, | " | 150 00 |
| Digests - | 25, | " | 5 25 |
| Grand Encampment Books | 68, | " | 68 00 |
| Sub. Encampment Books | 1,175, | " | 2,350 00 |
| Diplomas - | 501, | " | 501 00 |
| Stereotype plates (pages) | 2,191, | " | 2,191 00 |
| Revised Journal | 700, | " | 4,200 00 |
| | | | $18,070 60 |

Your committee have carefully and thoroughly examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, and find that they have been plainly and accurately kept. They have also examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find that they have been correctly kept, and the receipts and disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

The amount due this Grand Lodge by individuals has been reduced but little for several years past, and we are of opinion that the only manner in which any thing can be made out of these accounts is to give discretionary power to the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary to settle them, as they may deem most advantageous to this Grand Lodge.

It affords your committee much pleasure to be able to state that, in their opinion, the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year will be ample to meet its current expenses.

Deeming the bond at present required of the Grand Treasurer insufficient in amount, we recommend that the Grand Treasurer elect be required to give bond, to the satisfaction of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary, in the sum of $10,000, before his installation, and offer a resolution to that effect.

We recommend for your consideration the annexed resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby required, after the payment of the appropriations directed at this session, to invest the surplus in the treasury in such securities, bearing an interest of 6 per cent., as he, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, shall approve; provided, nevertheless, that he shall retain at all times not less than one thousand dollars in his hands to meet the current expenses of the year.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the order of D. D. Grand Sire Amos Mathews, of Iowa, for expenses incurred by him in reclaiming the charter and books of "State Encampment," of Iowa, the sum of ten dollars, and that he charge that amount against the fund returned as part of the effects of said defunct Encampment.

*Resolved*, That the following amounts be appropriated from the moneys in the treasury, for payment of salaries, &c.:

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| Salary of Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary..... | $1,200 00 |
| Salary of the Grand Treasurer..... | 200 00 |
| Salary of the Grand Messenger..... | 700 00 |
| For rent of Secretary's office, gas, and fuel..... | 270 00 |
| For mileage and per diem of members, or such sums as shall hereafter be reported and approved by the committee on that subject..... | 8,000 00 |
| For postage, or such amount as shall be paid by the Grand Messenger, under direction of the Grand Lodge..... | 250 00 |

And such sums of money as the Grand Secretary shall require for the printing and binding of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and of supplies during the ensuing year, said accounts being first approved by the Grand Sire. Also, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue warrants for the above appropriations, and for ordinary incidental expenses.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer elect be and is hereby required to enter into bonds with the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, and that said bond be presented to this Body previous to his installation.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, be and he is hereby authorized to procure a new seal and press for the use of his office.

*Resolved*, That the debts due and outstanding for several years from the D. D. Grand Sires and other persons, now appearing upon the books of the Grand Secretary, and comprehended in Schedule A, reported at the last session, be and the same is hereby referred to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, with instructions, in their discretion, to adjust the same upon such terms, by compromise or otherwise, as will best promote the interest of this Grand Lodge.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all reports now lying upon the table shall be made the special order of business for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, and they shall be acted upon until all are disposed of.

Rep. Crickard, of La., moved to amend the resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge will hold a session at 7 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of considering the reports of committees, in the order they appear on the Journal.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour for adjournment having arrived, the Grand Sire adjourned the Lodge until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—Nine o'clock A. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

By general consent, the Lodge agreed, on motion of Rep. Smith, of Me., to take up the report of the Committee on Finance, page 1923, relating to the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which was considered, and, with the accompanying resolution, adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Rep. E. C. Dibble, of Northern New York.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the

Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Shaw, of Louisiana, relative to the printing of the work in the French and German languages, respectfully report:

That by the action of this body in 1849, page 1522, the printing of the work of the Subordinate Lodges in French and Spanish was authorized, provided the same could be done at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars for each language. The work, it was found, could not be done for that amount. But the want of it was so felt by the Order in Louisiana that a translation of the work of Subordinate Lodges both in French and Spanish has been made. The translation into the French language has been submitted to the committee, but the little time allowed during this communication has prevented such examination as will satisfy the committee of its correctness. The object of the present application, as the committee are informed, is to get such aid as will enable the work to be translated into these three languages. The copyright is to be secured to this Grand Body; but inasmuch as the work has been translated in Louisiana, it has been desired that the printing should be executed there, in order to ensure fidelity and accuracy. The committee deem it advisable that the work should be executed, but are unwilling to recommend a large appropriation, as the call for the work will be comparatively small. They therefore append the following resolutions, the adoption of which is recommended:

*Resolved*, That the translation of the work of Subordinate Lodges into the French, German, and Spanish languages be referred to the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to ascertain its correctness.

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of printing and publishing an edition of the work for Subordinate Lodges, and also of the degree of Rebekah, in the French, Spanish, and German languages, should the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be satisfied with the correctness of the translations; provided, nevertheless, that the expense beyond six hundred dollars for translating and publishing the foregoing in those languages be borne by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or such Grand Lodges as shall deem it for their interest to join therein; and also provided, that the copyright and exclusive right to the sale of such books shall enure to and remain in this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That upon the publication of the said work and degree of Rebekah, in the said languages, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to sell the same to such Lodges in good standing as apply therefor, at a cost not exceeding two dollars per volume.

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to have the printing and publishing of the above work executed in Louisiana, and that the Grand Representatives of that jurisdiction be appointed a committee of this body to supervise the printing and publishing of the same.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Sligo, of Penn., relative to the right of a Grand Body to deprive one of their subordinates of its charter, respectfully report:

That this inquiry has been answered by the decision of this Grand Lodge to be found in the Journal of 1845, page 812.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, relative to the right of a Lodge to endorse "rejected" on a withdrawal card submitted to it for membership thereon, respectfully report:

That while the card of withdrawal is the absolute property of the holder, yet when he offers to deposite it and thus gain admission into a Lodge, he voluntarily parts with his exclusive property. The card is then his petition for admission, and the seal of his former Lodge is his recommendation. As in the case of an original application for admission, the Lodge would have the right to note on the petition itself the fact of rejection, so, by parity of reasoning, the committee deem the Lodge would have the right to note such fact on the card presented for admission thereon.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Newby, of N. Carolina, relative to the precedence of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in procession, respectfully report:

That the Encampment branch has usually been considered as more exalted than the Subordinate, and that precedence is generally given to the patriarchal degrees. This, however, may be controlled by circumstances; as, for example, where the procession is organized under and in behalf of a single Subordinate Lodge. In this case precedence is usually given to the body under and on whose behalf the procession is organized.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Williamson, of Ky., relative to the proper method of constituting a Grand Lodge whose legislation is restricted to a representative basis, would respectfully report:

That by the repeated decisions of this body the State Grand Bodies have the right to establish a system of representation, and are the proper Legislatures whence such system should emanate.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Billinghurst, at page 1847, relative to opening and closing ceremonies for the Degree of Rebekah, would report:

That the pressure of business upon them prevents their devoting their time to the preparation of any special forms. They would add, that the work of the Degree, as now in force, provides a closing ceremony; and the opening ceremony can be governed by the form that may be adopted at the present session for opening in other Degrees. They would only, in addition, report that the annual P. W. of the Ladies' Degree should be given by the ladies at the outer door; and there could be no objection, that is apparent to your committee, against the Lodge singing any part of our odes at the time that ladies are introduced into the hall by the conductor for initiation.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred various resolutions of Representatives and Grand Bodies on the subject of extending the privileges of the Degree of Rebekah to widows and daughters of Odd-Fellows, respectfully report:

That the degree alluded to has been so recently adopted that the committee are unwilling, at the present time, to recommend the change and extension proposed. Even in its present shape, it has not yet been conferred at all in two large jurisdictions of the Order. It was adopted by but a small majority; and any addition which would tend to increase prejudice against it would not conduce to general harmony, nor assist it in winning its way to general favor. The extension to

daughters of Odd-Fellows would also require a change in various parts of the degree.

In response to the requests of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, the committee would reply:

1st. That a dispensation to initiate Mrs. Prewett, the widow of a scarlet member, would be a species of local legislation, forming a precedent that might be followed by many other Grand Bodies, thus breaking the uniformity that should be observed throughout our jurisdiction in all matters relative to the work of the Order. The committee therefore cannot report favorably upon the proposition alluded to.

2d. The Degree of Rebekah was adopted on the 20th of September, 1851. The wives of Odd-Fellows in good standing throughout the Union acquired at that time, to a certain extent, a vested right to receive that degree, whenever conferred by the Lodges of which their husbands are members. The delay in the printing and distribution of books, they were not of course responsible for, and should not be prejudiced by; and the committee therefore report, that such wives, though their husbands may have deceased since that date, may, if they still remain widows, receive the degree in the Lodge of which their husbands were members, the assent of the Lodge thereto being first obtained, and other ladies being present at the same time with their husbands for initiation in the degree.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of D. G. M. W. K. Edwards from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, relative to fining members failing to attend funerals, beg leave to report:

That, after a due examination and consideration of the papers laid before them, they believe it to be one of those questions that should alone receive the legislation of State Grand Bodies, and would recommend the passage of the resolution as annexed:

*Resolved,* That the appeal of D. G. M. W. K. Edwards be not sustained.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand Wm. Henderson from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in granting a charter to a Lodge to work and keep their record

in the German language, and whose final cards of the petitioners did not accompany the petition, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That the form of petition for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, as laid down in the Digest, requires the petitioners to hold withdrawal cards from Lodges legally recognised by the R. W. Grand Lodge. Section 2, charter 1st of the general laws of Indiana, requires that the cards of petitioners for a dispensation or charter for a Subordinate Lodge *must* accompany the petition, or be deposited with the D. D. Grand Master in whose district the proposed Lodge is to be located, whose certificate shall answer in place of said cards. Your committee believe that State Grand Lodges are competent to decide upon a liberal construction of requirements like the one here presented, without the interference of this R. W. Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Past Grand Wm. Henderson be dismissed.

WM. ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, in reversing the decision of said Franklin Lodge in the case of Bro. George Coggins, who was refused his benefits on the ground of his being in arrears, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That they have examined the documents and papers submitted to them, and find as follows: Bro. Coggins was indebted to Franklin Lodge $5 75 for dues, &c., to the 1st of January, 1851. On the first meeting night in January Bro. Coggins sent by Bro. Lockie a sum of money to pay his indebtedness to the Lodge. Bro. Lockie inquired of the Secretary the amount of Bro. Coggins' indebtedness; the Secretary replied that the amount was $5 75, which Bro. Lockie paid. By the local laws of Maryland a brother who is in arrears twenty-six lodge nights is not entitled to receive any of the benefits of his Lodge until he shall have paid up all his arrears, and have continued a regular contributing member for three months thereafter. As your committee understand the case, the ground assumed by Franklin Lodge is, that Bro. Coggins was indebted for the first week in January in addition to the $5 75, and that the payment made was only a partial one, and not in full to that date. Admitting that position to be correct, it was manifestly the fault of the Secretary of Franklin Lodge, in not receiving the additional amount for the first week in January, which, under a fair construction, should not be considered as past dues until the close of the meeting, and which Bro. Lockie was ready and prepared to pay. The quarter's dues from January 1st, 1851, to April 1st, were promptly paid, which reinstated Bro. Coggins in his rights to draw benefits. On the 20th of April Bro. Coggins died. Your com-

mittee think the case a very plain one, and, if there is any fault at all, it belongs to the Secretary of Franklin Lodge, and not to the deceased or his friends. They therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland be sustained.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a pamphlet purporting to be an amended constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, beg leave to report:

That the same is neither authenticated nor in such a permanent form as would authorize your committee to recommend its approval, even were the subject matter contained therein in accordance with the known laws of the Order; hence they would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire have leave to withdraw the pamphlet referred to.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
J. L. DREW,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa be and is hereby required to erase, in third and fourth lines of clause 1, section 3, article iii, constitution, the words "G. M., D. G. M., G. W. or." (See digest page 43, section 5.) Also, in second line, on page 11, strike out the words "*approved of*," and insert "report on." Also, erase all of clause 7, after the word "expedient," in fifth line, on page 11, and insert "*subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.*" Also, erase in clause 19, section 1, article v, all after the words "Grand Lodge," in the fifth line. (A Grand Lodge cannot transfer its legislative functions to a committee.)

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, when corrected as directed in the foregoing resolution, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
J. L. DREW,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have

examined the Constitution and By-Laws of Charity Lodge, No. 6, at Stockton, California, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That said Charity Lodge, No. 6, be and is hereby required to erase in the third and fourth lines of section 1, article 6, constitution, the words, "at the request of any member of the degree applied for, shall." Also, to strike out in the last line of section 1, article 6, by-laws, the words "who has no card, or."

*Resolved*, That said Lodge be further required to alter section 1, article 8, by-laws, so as to read as follows: "Cards, whether permanent or visiting, can be granted only in open Lodge."

*Resolved*, That the consitution and by-laws of said Charity Lodge, No. 6, when amended as required by the foregoing resolutions, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
J. L. DREW,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and find the same deficient in the seal of the Grand Lodge and signatures of the Grand Officers.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
P. A. HACKLEMAN,
J. P. NORMAN.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The select committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in relation to opening and closing Degree Lodges and Lodges working in the degrees, beg leave to report a form of ceremony for opening and closing.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolution, which was considered by special order, and adopted:

WHEREAS at the annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1845 a charter was granted to Woodville Encampment, No. 4, located at Woodville, Mississippi, and whereas said charter has never reached said Encampment, and it would be very difficult to obtain the signatures of the then officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the present officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby authorized to furnish a duplicate charter to Woodville Encampment, No. 4, at Woodville, Miss.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized, in making up the revised Journal, to enter as blanks all votes cast at the late election of Grand Officers for persons not in nomination.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the reports of committees now lying on the table shall be made the order of the day for 11 o'clock this morning, and continued until finally concluded.

Rep. Sligo, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the respective jurisdictions, with the printed proceedings of this session, the third volume of the printed Journal due the Representatives of those jurisdictions, if the same be practicable.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the States be now called, and each member present such business as he may have to offer.

Rep. McCord, of Iowa, moved to amend by adding the following words: "After which no new business shall be received;" which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred on the original proposition, which was agreed to.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be holden in the city of Philadelphia, and that the delegation from Pennsylvania be a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original proposition—

Rep. Smiley, of Tenn., moved to amend by striking out "Philadelphia" and inserting "Nashville."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge agree to the amendment to strike out "Philadelphia" and insert "Nashville?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the original resolution, it was agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Bradbury, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Colfax, Drew, Dufour, Ellison, Glenn, Green, Gruman, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Hunt of Texas, Jennings, Kempton, Lyford, Lynes, McCord, Manchester, Mathews, Mulford, Mullen, Norman, Potts, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Seymour, Shelley, Simpson, Sligo, Steele, Taylor, Williams, Wood—48.

NAYS—Askew, Clark, (2 votes,) Conley, Foute, (2 votes,) Froment, Gillespie, Hale, Hansford, Harmon, Hardenburgh, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kellogg of Wis., Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Magruder, Marley, Morton, Munday, Newby, Race, Remington, Ridgely, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, (2 votes,) Simes, Smiley, Smith, Stuart, Tuxbury, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williamson, Zimmerman—41.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Lodge will entertain no new business after twelve o'clock to-day.

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved to lay the proposition on the table, which was agreed to.

By general consent, Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a copy of the general instructions accompanying the Degree of Rebekah, referred to in the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, have examined the same, and recommend that they be approved.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
B. CONLEY,
D. P. BARNARD.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Texas relative to a law providing for the payment of benefits to travelling brothers, respectfully report a full concurrence in the views expressed by the Committee on the State of the Order, in its report on the same subject, page 1884, and ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That during the remainder of this session no member shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than once on any one question.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to postpone it indefinitely.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered.

Rep. Askew, of Del., asked a division of the question; and the question being on the first branch of the resolution, to wit, "that no member shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at one time," it was agreed to.

The qnestion recurring on the remainder of the proposition, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Are officers of a Subordinate Lodge, who are not Past Grands, entitled to wear silver fringe or bullion on their regalia, under the provisions of division 11, article ii, page 28 Digest.

Rep. Shaw, of La., presented a lithograph copy of the design of the Odd-Fellows' Hall now being erected in the city of New Orleans, which, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., was accepted, and the thanks of this Grand Lodge tendered to the Board of Trustees in whose name it was presented.

Rep. Race, of La., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That each Lodge subordinate to the respective State Grand Bodies be and they are hereby required to make returns to their respective State Grand Lodges of the amount of all funds on hand; of all moneys, securities, and evidences of debt of every name and kind whatsoever belonging to them; and also of all sums paid for relief and for buildings, rents, furniture, regalia, fuel, lights, and each and every of them; and for any and all other expenses by them incurred in any and every manner whatsoever; which said returns the several State Grand Lodges shall embrace in their respective annual reports to this R. W. Grand Body.

Rep. Gillespie, of Ky., moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Race, of La.?" The yeas and nays were required.

At this stage, and before the Secretary had commenced calling the yeas and nays, Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., made a point of order whether it was then in order to move to proceed to the special order.

The Chair stated that two orders had been adopted this morning—the one directing reports of committees to be taken up for consideration at 11 o'clock, and the other directing that the States be called to allow members to present such business as they might desire to offer. Immediately after the passage of the second order the Lodge had proceeded to its execution, and, being still engaged therein, though the hour of 11 o'clock had arrived, it should not be laid aside to take up the prior order, which would come up as a matter of course so soon as the business now in hand was completed.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., appealed from this decision of the Chair.

The question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Race, of La., the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Conley, Colfax, Dufour, Glenn, Green, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardenburgh, Jennings, Kempton, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Lynes, Newby, Race, Remington—19.

NAYS—Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billinghurst, Bradbury, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, Clark, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Drew, Ellison, Foute, Froment, Gillespie, Gruman, Hale, Harmon, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mathews, Morton, Mulford, Mullen, Munday, Norman, Potts, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, Senter, Seymour, Shaw, (2 votes,) Shelley, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Smiley, Smith, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Tuxbury, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, Wood, Zimmerman—69.

By general consent, Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred an inquiry submitted by Rep. Williams from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, relative to the right of officers of Subordinate Lodges to wear silver fringe or bullion, respectfully report:

That Article xxv of the By-Laws reads thus: "The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained to the R. P. Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal." The terms of the by-law appear to answer the inquiry in full, by its limitation.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that there has been submitted to them, at the recommendation of the Committee on Petitions, certain correspondence from members of the Order in California, by which we ascertain with regret that the condition of the Order in that remote region is such as to require immediate attention.

The officers appointed by this Grand Body to preside over the interests of the Order in that locality, have, from circumstances possibly beyond their control, been unable to devote that attention to the subject which is demanded, and thus, in one or more instances, Lodges have been instituted without dispensation, and working without books.

The importance of maintaining legitimately the Order in California, it must be evident, is of the utmost consequence to its prosperity; and such cannot be accomplished unless it is sedulously sheltered and guarded by this Grand Lodge.

The adventurers who, in the vigor of health and manhood, leave our shores, prompted by the laudable desire to improve their temporal condition, to locate themselves in California, find too frequently that their hopes are blighted and health much impaired before they have remained long in that district. Many of these adventurers are members of our Order, and fondly anticipate the pleasure of uniting with the Lodges there located, and of availing themselves of the blessings and advantages of our institution.

The desire to *progress* properly and with energy is strongly indicated by the tone of the correspondence; and it appears, therefore, to your committee, that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge forthwith to adopt such measures as shall accurately ascertain the condition of the

Lodges in California; correct errors, if such there be; arrange that they shall be promptly furnished with the necessary papers and books; and also to provide for a proper and well qualified member of the Order to take charge of and attend to the interest of our brothers and the welfare of our Order on the shores of the Pacific. They therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the subject of the condition of our Order in California be referred to the M. W. Grand Sire, with power to act and appoint, in his discretion, a well qualified member of the Order to attend to its interest in that district.

*Resolved*, That in making this appointment a preference shall be given to permanent residents of California.

*Resolved*, That in this appointment no expense shall be incurred by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

H. F. ASKEW,
JAMES M. CASSADY,
LLOYD E. BALDWIN.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., the special order, fixed for 11 o'clock this day, was postponed until 1 o'clock, and the call of the States was continued.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table, at his instance:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, with leave to sit during the recess, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the true relation that should subsist between dues and benefits, and to construct a table showing, upon the established principles of life and health insurance, what amount of benefits will accrue from a given amount of dues at each year of age, from 21 to 60; and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Mathews, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of every installing Grand Officer, at the time of installation of officers in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to instruct the Secretary and Scribes, respectively, in the annual travelling password.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which, at his instance, was ordered to be spread on the Journal, and to lie on the table until the next annual session:

*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to advocate the getting up of work proper and suitable for each of the *five* degrees in the Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Rounsville, of Ill., moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be and they are hereby duly instructed to obtain an engraved plate, of suitable design, to be by them chosen, for cards for wives or widows of members of the Order, provided the cost shall not exceed $150.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary shall cause to be printed as many such cards as shall be necessary to supply the demand, and furnish them to State Grand Lodges at seventy-five cents per dozen.

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire is hereby authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer to meet any liabilities that may occur under these resolutions

Rep. Baldwin, of Conn., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That leave of absence be granted to Rep. Samuel Lynes, of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, after this day.

Rep. Gruman, of Conn., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hold an evening session this evening, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which, at his instance, was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

*Resolved*, That the sum of forty dollars annually be appropriated by this Grand Lodge to the relief of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey during his lifetime; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to remit that amount to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be by him paid over to P. G. Sire Wildey.

Rep. Munday, of Tenn., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That Reps. A. Tuxbury and C. W. Bradbury have leave of absence from and after to-day.

Rep. Shaw, of La., asked and obtained leave of absence, after to-day, for his colleague, Rep. Race, of La.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The special order fixed for 1 o'clock, to wit, the consideration of reports of committees, on motion of Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., was further postponed, and the Lodge proceeded with the call of the States, pursuant to the order under consideration at the time of recess.

By general consent, Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to the Order in California, and upon a petition for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in that State, respectfully report:

That they have availed themselves of every means of inquiry which the brief period allowed for their deliberations would permit, but they regret to say that this means, consisting of individual statements and numerous communications, mostly unofficial in character, does not furnish to your committee that evidence which would warrant them in the expression of any definite conclusion as to the working of individual Lodges. There is much conflict of testimony upon every inquiry which your committee would deem of interest to pursue, and great uncertainty in statements of concurring events.

Deeply impressed with the high character of the mission which circumstances has assigned our Order in California, your committee have proceeded with the purpose not only of recommending the extending of every aid within the means of the Grand Lodge in furtherance of their efforts, but that every indulgence should be given to those irregularities which the peculiar state of affairs in that State would seem to render inseparable from their labors. It appears from the evidence before your committee that there are six working Lodges in California; under what authority these Lodges are organized, no evidence has been offered of an official character, and the letters of brothers of the same Lodge disagree in the *only* instance where inquiries have been answered. Owing to the neglect of our brothers in California, no sufficient official reports have ever been forwarded upon which this Grand Lodge can even base an official recognition of their existence. The membership of the petitioners, or the verification of the official seals annexed to their petitions, prevent any action or favorable consideration of the petition before the Grand Lodge at this time. But there are other causes which would lead to the same result. In June last there were six Lodges claiming existence in California, at remote points, whilst by the evidence of some of the officers there it appears there were but two sets of working books known to be within the jurisdiction; and this, with other statements, satisfied your committee that there is a want of system in the working and organization there, and that before any promise of permanency can be had, a full and radical change must be had. Your committee do not feel authorized to recommend the establishment of a Grand Lodge until there is evidence before them to ensure that the D. D. Grand Sire would be able to find the petitioning Lodges when he should appear with the warrant for its institution. Much of the confusion and difficulty in the Order in California undoubtedly grows out of the mismanagement or neglect of duty on the part of the D. D. Grand Sire; indeed, the communications before your committee are filled with complaints of this character, and whether they be true or not, it must be evident that when so general dissatisfaction prevails, much of the usefulness of an officer is diminished. Whilst your committee do not feel authorized to recommend the granting a charter for a Grand Lodge upon the evidence now before them, they are convinced that the interference of this Grand Lodge offers the only efficacious means of establishing system and bringing about that certainty of organization which will ensure to us at all times the means of prompt supervision over the Order in that distant region, and the perfection of those bonds which shall make us with them united in the government as we are now united in feeling and purpose for the advancement of the common objects of our beloved Order. The efforts of our brothers in California, associated as lodges and individually, to relieve human suffering, and to stay the torrent of selfishness and depravity which at times seemed to obscure the moral atmosphere of California, will ever present an era for proud reference in the history of the influences of our fraternity, and must ever ensure the undivided support of the whole Order in the furtherance of such measures

as shall lead to the permanent establishment of an organization whose labors have been productive of so great good. Your committee recommend that an efficient Deputy Grand Sire should, under the direction of the R. W. Grand Sire, be directed to examine into the organization of such Lodges as claim to work under the forms of our application; that proper warrants be issued to all such as are found qualified to receive them, and a regular system of working and returns be established.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
W. S. MUNDAY,
J. B. NEWBY.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adjourn on Saturday 25th, *sine die*.

Rep. Ruple, of Pa., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the adoption of the resolution, which was agreed to.

Rep. Hinsdale, of Wis., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the special committee on the constitution and by-laws be instructed to report a provision giving to such States as choice to elect the privilege of abolishing Grand and Subordinate Encampments, and requiring Subordinate Lodges to confer the Encampment degrees in such manner as may be specified by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to lay the subject on the table; and the question being on the motion to lay on the table, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Bradbury, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Drew, (2 votes,) Dufour, Ellison, Froment, Gruman, Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hansford, Hayward, Hicks, Hunt of Texas, Hunter, Jennings, Kellogg of Michigan, (2 votes,) Kempton, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Lynes, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mullen, Munday, Norman, Potts, Race, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Seymour, Shaw, Simpson, Simes, (2 votes,) Sligo, Smiley, Tuxbury, Vennigerholz, Williams, Wood, Zimmerman—63.

NAYS—Billinghurst, Carlisle, Clark, Glenn, Gillespie, Green, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hinsdale, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Wis., (2 votes,) McCord, Mathews, Mulford, Newby, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Shelley, Smith, (2 votes,) Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Williamson—28.

By general consent, leave was granted to Rep. Vansant, of Md., to enter upon the Journal that if he had been present when the vote was taken upon the proposition of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., to lay on the table the resolution of Rep. Hinsdale, of Wis., to instruct the Committee on Constitutions on the subject of Grand and Subordinate Encampments, he would have voted to lay on the table.

Rep. Crickard, of La., presented the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

The undersigned begs leave to offer the following in explanation of his vote given yesterday, upon the proposition of Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., to amend Article xiv of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, relative to eligibility for the office of Grand Sire, and asks that the same be placed on the Journal. For the reason that he was opposed to excepting of this particular amendment, to the exclusion of all the other proposed amendments, (to same article,) and of *pressing* it to a vote pending a motion to refer *all* the amendments proposed at the last session to the special committee of five, elected to prepare and report a new constitution, by-laws, &c., and for this reason would have voted for the proposition, as he had done at the last session.

J. CRICKARD,
Rep. G. L. of La.

The undersigned concurs in the above, so far as it relates to his vote yesterday on the amendment referred to.

E. P. HUNT,
Rep. G. L. of Texas.

Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to credit to the different Grand Bodies, to be paid in supplies, fifty per cent. of the amount of money paid by said bodies under the assessment tax of 1849.

Rep. Crutcher, of Miss., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Carlisle, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crickad, Crutcher, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Dufour, Glenn, Gillespie, Gyles, Hacklemn, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hayward, Hicks, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, Hunt of Texs, Hunt of D. C., Hunter, Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Mathews, Newby, Potts, Race, Remington, Ridger, E. C. Robinson, Seymour, Shaw, Smiley, Steele, Stuart, Vennigerholz, William, Williamson, Wood—49.

NAYS—Anners, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billinghurst, Bradbury, Cassad, Drew, Froment, (2 votes,) Green, Gruman, Jones, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Lyne, Marley, Morton, Mullen, (2 votes,) Norman, I. Robinson, Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shelley, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Smith, (2 votes,) Taylor, Tuxbury, Vansant, Zimmerman—36.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., asked and obtained leave of absence, after to-day, for his two colleagues, Reps. Gillespie and Mathews.

By general consent, Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to the establishment of the Order in Panama, respectfully report:

That the acquisition and rapid settlement of California has opened Panama, before almost forgotten on the highway of nations; and an immense travel has called into requisition the energies of thousands of our citizens to the development of her hitherto dormant resources. The deadly miasma which pervades her atmosphere at certain seasons, the want of care and shelter, has almost decimated the crowds of emigrants who have heretofore sought that path of travel; and about the only charities have come from individual energy, which has done much to relieve this distress; but as yet no sufficient organization has arisen

to give force and system and energy to the cause of philanthropy in Panama. Upon examination of the papers before your committee, they have no doubt that the benefits anticipated by the friends of this movement will be fully realized; and from the character of the citizens who have interested themselves in this matter, your committee believe the high reputation of the Order can be safely entrusted to their keeping. Wherefore they would recommend that the M. W. Grand Sire be directed to issue proper warrants for the establishment of the Order in Panama whenever the forms of our laws shall be complied with.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

By general consent, Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That whereas there is now no existing law for the protection of brothers of our Order when travelling, in cases of sickness, it is therefore required of all Subordinate Lodges to cause the Secretary thereof, when they issue a visiting card, to endorse thereupon, under the seal of his Lodge, the amount allowed for benefits by such Lodge, the amount allowed upon the death of a brother, and the date from which the holder is entitled to benefits, provided it differs from the date of the issue of that card.

Every brother holding a legal visiting card, issued by a Subordinate Lodge, under the above regulations, may, in case of sickness when absent from the State in which he resides, make his situation known to any Lodge near which he may thus be detained; and the Lodge thus applied to may, if it thinks proper, upon the certificate of a respectable physician, advance to the sick brother the benefits he would be entitled to receive from his own Lodge; taking his draft on that Lodge for the sum, and endorsing upon the card the amount thus advanced, stating for which particular week or weeks; and the draft thus drawn must be forwarded without delay and paid.

Every Lodge burying a deceased stranger Odd-Fellow in the possession of a visiting card shall have the right to draw upon the Lodge of which the deceased was a member at the time of his death, for the amount allowed by such Lodge on the death of a brother; which draft must be presented without delay and paid.

The call of States having been concluded, the Lodge, on motion of Rep. Simpson, of Pa., proceeded to the special order, postponed until 1 o'clock, to wit, the consideration of reports of committees, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The first report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1883, relative to the admission of Indians as members of the Order, was considered.

Rep. Newby, of N. C., moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to strike out the words "would be inexpedient," and insert the words "not be consistent with the good of the Order;" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to reconsider the vote just had, adopting the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order on the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the admission of Indians as members of the Order, be recommitted to that committee with instructions to report in accordance with the prayer of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., moved to lay the subject on the table.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Cassady, Conley, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Drew, Dufour, Foute, Glenn, Green, Gyles, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hunter, Jennings, Jones, Kellogg of Mich., Kempton, Libby, McCord, Marley, (2 votes,) Morton, Mulford, Newby, Potts, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Seymour, Shaw, Shelley, Smiley, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Tuxbury, Vansant, Williams—42.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billinghurst, Bradbury, Carlisle, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Froment, Gillespie, Gruman, Hackleman, Hale, Hansford, Harmon, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Wis., Kennedy, Lyford, Lynes, Magruder, Mathews, Mullen, (2 votes,) Norman, Race, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Smith, Vennigerholz, Williamson, Wood—46.

The hour of half past three o'clock having arrived, the Grand Sire adjourned the Lodge until 7 o'clock this evening.

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FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24—Seven o'clock.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the business pending at the time of adjournment, to wit, the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The next report, page 1884, of the Committee on the State of Order, relative to the passage of a law requiring Subordinate Lodges "to pay benefits to sick stranger brethren," was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, laid on the table.

The next report of same committee, page 1884, relative to arrears of suspended members, was considered and adopted.

The next report from same committee, page 1885, upon the inquiry of Rep. Anners, of Pa., was considered and adopted.

The next report, from same committee, page 1885, relative "to the right of Lodges to admit visiting brethren, and also as to the rights of brethren engaged in hazardous climes," was considered.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report the following:

"That it is not obligatory on a Subordinate Lodge to admit a visiting brother even if correct in the usual forms."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was agreed to.

The next report from the same committee, page 1886, relative to the right of Subordinate Lodges to grant to the Noble Grand leave of absence, was considered.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report as follows:

*Resolved*, That the report of the committee on the State of the Order now under consideration be recommitted to said committee, with instructions to report that Subordinate Lodges have the right to grant leave of absence to any officer having been regularly elected or appointed, and installed.

Rep. Ruple, of Pa., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered.

Rep. Vennigerholz asked what would be the main question.

The Chair ruled that the main question would be on adopting the report of the committee, inasmuch as a motion to recommit was not an amendment.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair, stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., moved to reconsider the vote ordering the main question, which was not agreed to.

The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report from the same committee, page 1886, relative to the power of Subordinate Lodges to hold adjourned sessions, was considered and adopted.

The next report from the same committee, page 1887, relative to a conflict between the powers of officers, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Hale, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem respectfully report the annexed tabular statement, containing the distances travelled by the Representatives, and the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each is entitled.

The number of miles travelled by the Representatives at the present session is 62,245; the number of days attendance at this session has been 544; the amount of mileage is $6,224 50; for per diem $1,632 00; total $7,856 50.

Your committee ask respectfully that the following resolution be adopted, and that they be discharged from further service:

*Resolved*, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, be, and the same is ordered to be paid.

JAS. W. HALE,
WM. E. JENNINGS,
THOMAS HARDIE.

| NAMES. | Residence. | Distance from Baltimore. | Days in Attendance. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. |
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| GRAND OFFICERS. | | | | | | |
| M.W.G.S.Wm. W. Moore, | Washington, D. C. | 40 | 6 | $4 00 | $18 | $22 00 |
| R.W.D.G.Sire H. G. Page, | Milwaukie, Wis.. | 1,320 | 6 | 132 00 | 18 | 150 00 |
| R. W. G. C. J.M. Willey, | Stonington,Conn.. | 350 | 6 | 35 00 | 18 | 53 00 |
| R. W.G. Mar. J. Sessford, | Washington, D. C. | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 | 22 00 |
| R.W.G.Guar. S. H. Lewyt, | Baltimore, Md.... | .... | 6 | .... | 18 | 18 00 |
| REPRESENTATIVES. | | | | | | |
| Anners, H. F ..... | Philadelphia, Pa.. | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 | 28 00 |
| Askew, H. F..... | Wilmington, Del.. | 75 | 6 | 7 50 | 18 | 25 50 |
| Baldwin, L. E..... | Willimantic, Conn. | 350 | 5 | 35 00 | 15 | 50 00 |
| Barnard, D. P..... | Brooklyn, N. Y... | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 | 38 00 |
| Billinghurst, Chas..... | Juneau, Wis..... | 1,385 | 6 | 138 50 | 18 | 156 50 |
| Bradbury, C. W..... | Vergennes, Vt.... | 500 | 5 | 50 00 | 15 | 65 00 |
| Carlisle, Nelson ..... | Wilmington, Del.. | 75 | 6 | 7 50 | 18 | 25 50 |
| Cassady, J. M..... | Camden, N. J.... | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 | 28 00 |
| Chester, J..... | Detroit, Mich..... | 910 | 4 | 91 00 | 12 | 103 00 |
| Chidsey, W..... | Cincinnati, O..... | 735 | 6 | 73 50 | 18 | 91 50 |
| Clark, Robt. H..... | Milford, Del. .... | 145 | 5 | 14 50 | 15 | 29 50 |
| Conley, Benj..... | Augusta, Ga..... | 730 | 5 | 73 00 | 15 | 88 00 |
| Colfax, Schuyler ..... | South Bend, Ind.. | 850 | 6 | 85 00 | 18 | 103 00 |
| Crickard, John..... | New Orleans, La. | 1,490 | 6 | 149 00 | 18 | 167 00 |
| Crutcher, Wm..... | Vicksburg, Miss.. | 1,800 | 6 | 180 00 | 18 | 198 00 |
| DeSaussure, W. G..... | Charleston, S. C.. | 585 | 6 | 58 50 | 18 | 76 50 |
| Dibble, E. C..... | Batavia, N. Y.... | 635 | 5 | 63 50 | 15 | 78 50 |
| Drew, Jos. L..... | Boston, Mass..... | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 | 62 00 |
| Dufour, Oliver..... | Vevay, Ind..... | 750 | 6 | 75 00 | 18 | 93 00 |
| Ellison, Wm..... | Boston, Mass.... | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 | 62 00 |
| Fitzhugh, E. H..... | Wheeling, Va.... | 310 | 4 | 31 00 | 12 | 43 00 |
| Foute, Aug. M..... | Jackson, Miss.... | 1,850 | 6 | 185 00 | 18 | 208 00 |
| Froment, Andre..... | New York, N. Y. | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 | 38 00 |
| Glenn, L. J..... | McDonough, Ga.. | 880 | 6 | 88 00 | 18 | 106 00 |
| Gillespie, R..... | Frankfort, Ky.... | 885 | 5 | 88 50 | 15 | 103 50 |
| Green, Clark H..... | Glasgow, Mo..... | 1,450 | 6 | 145 00 | 18 | 163 00 |
| Gruman, C. J..... | Norwalk, Conn... | 245 | 6 | 24 50 | 18 | 42 50 |
| Gyles, John A. ..... | Charleston, S. C.. | 585 | 6 | 58 50 | 18 | 76 50 |
| Hackleman, P. A..... | Rushville, Ind.... | 750 | 6 | 75 00 | 18 | 93 00 |
| Hale, Jas. W..... | New York, N. Y. | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 | 38 00 |
| Hansford, C. R..... | Montgomery, Ala. | 1,125 | 6 | 112 50 | 18 | 130 50 |
| Harmon, C. C..... | Portland, Me..... | 550 | 6 | 55 00 | 18 | 73 00 |
| Hardie, Thos..... | Dubuque, Iowa... | 1,545 | 6 | 154 50 | 18 | 172 50 |
| Hardenburgh, T. H..... | Washington, N. C. | 370 | 5 | 37 00 | 15 | 52 00 |
| Hayward, Nelson..... | Cleveland, O..... | 600 | 6 | 60 00 | 18 | 78 00 |
| Hicks, Wm..... | Providence, R. I.. | 400 | 6 | 40 00 | 18 | 58 00 |
| Hinsdale, H. B..... | Kenosha, Wis.... | 1,285 | 5 | 128 50 | 15 | 143 50 |
| Hunt, E. P..... | Galveston, Texas. | 1,940 | 6 | 194 00 | 18 | 212 00 |
| Hunt, R. F..... | Washington, D. C. | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 | 22 00 |
| Hunter, E. P..... | Martinsburg, Va.. | 100 | 5 | 10 00 | 15 | 25 00 |
| Jennings, Wm. E..... | Mobile, Ala..... | 1,325 | 6 | 132 50 | 18 | 150 00 |
| Jones, Wm. H..... | Boston, Mass..... | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 | 62 00 |
| Kellogg, A. S..... | Detroit, Mich.... | 910 | 6 | 91 00 | 18 | 109 00 |
| Kellogg, James B..... | Milwaukie, Wis.. | 1,320 | 6 | 132 00 | 18 | 155 00 |

| NAMES. | Residence. | Distance from Baltimore. | Days in Attendance. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. |
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| Kempton, E. S..... | Savannah, Ga.... | 695 | 6 | $69 50 | $18 | $87 50 |
| Kennedy, J. A..... | New York, N. Y. | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 | 38 00 |
| Libby, John..... | St. Louis, Mo.... | 1,200 | 6 | 120 00 | 18 | 138 00 |
| Lyford, J. C..... | Manchester, N.H. | 505 | 6 | 50 50 | 18 | 68 50 |
| Lynes, Samuel..... | Norwalk, Conn... | 245 | 5 | 24 50 | 15 | 39 50 |
| McCord, W. D..... | Burlington, Iowa. | 1,710 | 6 | 171 00 | 18 | 189 00 |
| Magruder, W. B..... | Washington, D. C. | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 | 22 00 |
| Marley, R..... | Baltimore, Md.... | .... | 6 | .... | 18 | 18 00 |
| Mathews, Wm..... | Louisville, Ky.... | 885 | 5 | 88 50 | 15 | 103 50 |
| Morton, E..... | Nashville, Tenn... | 1,070 | 6 | 107 00 | 18 | 125 00 |
| Mulford, F. D..... | Gloucester, N. J.. | 105 | 6 | 10 50 | 18 | 28 50 |
| Mullen, John..... | Boston, Mass.... | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 | 62 00 |
| Manchester, H. A..... | Providence, R. I.. | 400 | 6 | 40 00 | 18 | 58 00 |
| Munday, W. S..... | Nashville, Tenn.. | 1,070 | 6 | 107 00 | 18 | 125 00 |
| Newby, J. B..... | Fayetteville, N. C. | 450 | 6 | 45 00 | 18 | 63 00 |
| Norman, J. P..... | Helena, Ark..... | 1,580 | 6 | 158 00 | 18 | 176 00 |
| Potts, J. G..... | Galena, Ill..... | 1,530 | 6 | 153 00 | 18 | 171 00 |
| Race, S. W..... | New Orleans, La. | 1,490 | 5 | 149 00 | 15 | 164 00 |
| Remington, Wm. H..... | St. Louis, Mo.... | 1,200 | 6 | 120 00 | 18 | 138 00 |
| Ridgely, James L..... | Baltimore, Md. .. | .... | 6 | .... | 18 | 18 00 |
| Robinson, E. C..... | Norfolk, Va..... | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 | 38 00 |
| Robinson, Israel..... | Martinsburg, Va.. | 100 | 5 | 10 00 | 15 | 25 00 |
| Rounsville, Wm..... | St. Charles, Ill... | 1,295 | 6 | 129 50 | 18 | 147 50 |
| Ruple, James B..... | Washington, Pa... | 280 | 6 | 28 00 | 18 | 46 00 |
| Russell, R. F..... | Auburn, N. Y.... | 525 | 2 | 52 50 | 6 | 58 50 |
| Sanders, J. P..... | Peeksville, N. Y.. | 245 | 6 | 24 50 | 18 | 42 50 |
| Senter, T. G..... | Portsmouth, N. H. | 500 | 6 | 50 00 | 18 | 68 00 |
| Seymour, R. W..... | Charleston, S. C.. | 585 | 6 | 58 50 | 18 | 76 50 |
| Shaw, G. W..... | New Orleans, La. | 1,490 | 6 | 149 00 | 18 | 167 00 |
| Shelley, N. G..... | Talladega, Ala. .. | 1,210 | 6 | 121 00 | 18 | 139 00 |
| Simpson, J. A..... | Philadelphia, Pa.. | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 | 28 00 |
| Simes, S. H..... | Portsmouth, N. H. | 500 | 6 | 50 00 | 18 | 68 00 |
| Sligo, George..... | Philadelphia, Pa... | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 | 28 00 |
| Small, Wilson..... | New York, N. Y. | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 | 38 18 |
| Smiley, Thomas T..... | Nashville, Tenn.. | 1,070 | 6 | 107 00 | 15 | 125 00 |
| Smith, Wm. R..... | Augusta, Me..... | 610 | 3 | 61 00 | 9 | 70 00 |
| Steele, Wm. L..... | Rockingham, N.C. | 500 | 5 | 50 00 | 15 | 65 00 |
| Stuart, F. D..... | Washington, D. C. | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 | 22 00 |
| Taylor, J. N..... | Patterson, N. J... | 215 | 6 | 21 50 | 18 | 39 50 |
| Tuxbury, Albert..... | Windsor, Vt..... | 580 | 5 | 58 00 | 15 | 73 00 |
| Vansant, J..... | Baltimore, Md... | .... | 6 | .... | 18 | 18 00 |
| Vennigerholz, C. T..... | Natchez, Miss.... | 1,715 | 6 | 171 50 | 18 | 189 50 |
| Williams, Wm. G..... | Cincinnati, O.... | 735 | 6 | 73 50 | 18 | 91 50 |
| Williamson, I. D..... | Louisville, Ky.... | 885 | 6 | 88 50 | 18 | 106 50 |
| Wood, J..... | Providence, R. I.. | 400 | 6 | 40 00 | 18 | 58 00 |
| Zimmerman, B. F..... | Baltimore, Md.... | .... | 6 | .... | 18 | 18 00 |
| Total..... | ..... | 62,245 | 544 | 6,224 50 | 1,632 | 7,856 50 |

On motion of Rep. Gruman, of Conn., the rule was suspended, and the resolution accompanying the report was adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1887 on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered, and, with the resolution accompanying the report, was adopted.

The next report from the same committee, on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, page 1887, was considered.

A division of the question being required, and the question being on the resolutions accompanying the report—

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wis., moved to amend as follows, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin be and the same is hereby approved.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Magruder, of D. C., the report was laid on the table.

The next report from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1894, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Petitions, page 1894, confirming the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire in the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1895, relative to the delivery of the Past Grand's charge, was considered.

Rep. Hunt, of D. C., asked a division of the question, and the question being on so much of the report as refers to the delivery of the Past Grand's charge—

Rep. Glenn, of Ga., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the first branch of the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the second branch of the report, it was adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1895, relative to the diagrams, was considered and adopted.

The next report of the same committee, page 1896, relative to dues, was considered and adopted.

The next report of the same committee, page 1896, relative to reports of D. D. Grand Sires, was considered and adopted.

The next report of the same committee, page 1896, being upon the Grand Sire's decisions, was considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Correspondence, page 1898, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, page 1898, on the appeal of P. G. Dunlap from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1898, on the appeal of P G. Swan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1899, on the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1899, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, was considered.

A division of the question presented by the resolutions accompanying the report being required, the question was taken on the first resolution, which was adopted.

The question recurring on the second resolution—

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., moved to amend by striking out the word "not," in the third line.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "approved," in the third line, which amendment being accepted by Rep. Gyles, the question was taken on the amendment, and it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1900, on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1900, on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, with accompanying resolutions, page 1900, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1901, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, with accompanying resolutions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1901, on the constitution of Paradise Lodge, of New Mexico, with accompanying resolutions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1901, on the constitution of Montezuma Lodge, of New Mexico, with accompanying resolutions, was considered and adopted.

By general consent, leave of absence was granted, after to-night, to Rep. I. Robinson, of Va.

On motion leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session to Reps. Baldwin, of Conn., and Hunter, of Va.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Kempton, of Ga., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Chaplain be requested to deliver a discourse before the members of this Grand Lodge, on the afternoon of the Sunday immediately preceding the next annual communication.

Rep. Glenn, of Ga., moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Shelley, of Ala., moved the following amendment to the By-laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*Resolved*, That article 36 of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, by which it is restrained from considering any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the

Order, "unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment," be and the same is hereby repealed.

The next report, page 1903, from the commitee to whom was referred the application for a union of the Order in England with this jurisdiction, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Simpson, of Pa., *unanimously* adopted.

The report, page 1911, from the Committee on Returns, was then considered and adopted.

The next report, page 1914, from the Committee on the State of the Order, relating to forms for dedicating Odd-Fellows' Halls, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1914, relative to a return to the "old work," was considered and adopted.

The next reports, from the majority and minority of the same committee, page 1915, relative to the use of the German language in Subordinate Lodges, was considered.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to adopt the minority report.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the minority report?" which was not agreed to. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Barnard, (2 votes,) Froment, Glenn, Hale, Hayward, Hunter, (2 votes,) Kennedy, Manchester, (2 votes,) Mathews, Morton, Ruple, Sligo, Small, Smiley, Vansant, Williamson, (2 votes,) Wood—22.

NAYS—Askew, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crutcher, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Drew, (2 votes,) Dufour, Gyles, Hackleman, Hardie, Hunt of D. C., Libby, (2 votes,) McCord, Magruder, Marley, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Munday, Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, (2 votes,) Shaw, (2 votes,) Shelley, Simpson, Stuart, Taylor, Vennigerholz, Williams—43.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to reconsider the vote just had, rejecting the minority report of the Committee on the State of the Order—

Pending which, on motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ga., the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order have had referred to them

several resolutions relative to allowing persons, not Odd-Fellows, to be present at the installation of officers in Subordinate Lodges. The reference would more appropriately have been to another committee, but in order to test the question, the committee, without any recommendation on the subject, submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges be authorized to permit invited guests to be present at the installation of their officers, provided that no other business shall be done during said installation, and that all ceremonies relative to entering and leaving the Lodge be suspended at the time.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution, submitted by Rep. Mathews, of Ky., relative to extending the A. T. P. W. to Secretaries and Scribes of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, respectfully report:

That the change desired by the resolution will require an amendment of article xxxii. of the by-laws. The present communication is so near its close as to prevent any amendment at this time. The committee, therefore, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Rounsville, of Ill., relative to the preparation of a plate for cards for wives or widows of members of the Order, respectfully report:

That under the existing law the preparation and distribution of such cards is left with the several Subordinate Lodges. The resolution would therefore require a new law, and should appropriately go to the Legislative Committee. The committee therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

The Lodge proceeded to the business pending at the time of adjournment, to wit, the motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., to reconsider the vote by which the report of the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to the use of the German language in Subordinate Lodges, had been rejected; which being under consideration—

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the majority report—

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the majority report?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Barnard, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Drew, Dufour, Ellison, Foute, Green, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hinsdale, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Wis., Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Marley, Mulford, Mullen, Munday, Newby, Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, (2 votes,) Sanders, (2 votes,) Seymour, Shelley, Simpson, Stuart, Taylor Vennigerholz, Williams, Zimmermen—50.

NAYS—Anners, Billinghurst, Conley, Froment, (2 votes,) Glenn, Hayward, Hunt of Texas, Jennings, Kempton, Kennedy, Manchester, Morton, Ruple, Senter, Simes, Sligo, Small, Smiley, Williamson, Wood—21.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 1916, on the appeal of P. G. Fabrie from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1916, on the appeal of Michael Seagers and others, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1916, on the appeal of P. G. G. N. Seagrave from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 1917, relative to the return of dues paid by Sacramento Lodge, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1917, authorizing the payment of certain bills, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1918, relative to the application of San Francisco Lodge, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, from the Legislative Committee, pages 1920, relative to the deficiencies in the laws of the Order, being under consideration—

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., asked a division of the question, and the question was taken separately on the first three resolutions, each of which was adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution—

Rep. Smith, of Me., moved to amend as follows:

Add at the end of the resolution the words, "any such person shall be required to set forth in his petition for membership that he has never been suspended or expelled from any Lodge, and that he is unable to obtain evidence of his former connexion with the Order."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment offered by Rep. Smith, of Me.?" which was adopted.

The question recurring on the fourth resolution, as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1921, relative to a change in the manner of obtaining cards, was considered.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report an alteration of the laws, to enable members of Subordinate Lodges to obtain visiting cards upon application to the Secretary and Noble Grand of their respective Lodges, as well as in open Lodge, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee it was adopted.

By general consent, and on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1900, approving the revised constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was adopted.

The question then being on the resolutions accompanying the report, Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., asked and obtained leave, on behalf of the committee, to withdraw the third resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the remaining resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, they were agreed to.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the special order.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 1921, relative to a designation of the rank of a brother upon his card, was considered.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions, to report as follows:

"The officers of Lodges are instructed to insert in the card the degree or rank of the brother for whose benefit the card is granted."

This motion was not agreed to; and the question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1921, relative to a merger of the Encampment branch, was considered and adopted.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, being from the Committee on Printing, page 1922, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the special committee on the subject of the "nature, value, and revenue of the securities held against the property of P. G. S. Wildey, page 1925, was considered, the report accepted, and the committee discharged.

The next report, page 1926, from the Committee on Petitions, approving the establishment of a Grand Encampment in Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1926, authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge in Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1927, authorizing a dispensation for opening a Subordinate Encampment at Washington, in the State of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Finance Committee, upon the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's accounts, and general finances of the Grand Lodge, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Simpson, of Pa., the resolutions accompanying the report were considered *seriatim.*

The first and second resolutions were separately considered and adopted.

The third resolution being under consideration, Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y. moved to amend that part of the resolution fixing the Grand Treasurer's salary at two hundred dollars, by striking out "two hundred" and inserting "four hundred."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment offered by Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y.?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billinghurst, Foote, Froment, Green, Hale, Kennedy, Munday, Ridgely, Smiley—12.

NAYS—Askew, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, Drew, Dufour, Glenn, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Harmon, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jennings, Jones, Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Marley, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Newby, Norman, Remington, E. C. Robinson, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Small, Smith, Stuart, Taylor, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, (2 votes,) Wood, Zimmerman—63.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., Treasurer elect, was excused from voting on this proposition.

The question recurring on the adoption of the third resolution, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., asked a division of the question, and the question being on fixing the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, it was adopted.

The question being on the salary of the Grand Messenger it was adopted. Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., demanded the yeas and nays, which appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Askew, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billinghurst, Carlisle, Cassady, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Foote, Green, Gyles, Hale, Hansford, Harmon, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Kennedy, Libby, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Morton, Mulford, Munday, Newby, (2 votes,) Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, Ruple, Sanders, Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Small, Smiley, Stuart, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, (2 votes), Wood, Zimmerman—61.

NAYS—Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Drew, Dufour, Froment, Glenn, Hackleman, Lyford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Senter, Simes, Sligo, Taylor—16.

The question recurring on the adoption of the third resolution as a whole, it was adopted.

The fourth resolution being under consideration—

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to strike out "ten thousand," and insert "twenty thousand."

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved to amend the amendment by inserting "fifteen thousand."

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., asked a division of the question upon "striking out and inserting," and the question being on striking out "ten thousand," it was not agreed to.

So the Lodge refused to amend the fourth resolution; and the question recurring on its adoption, it was agreed to.

The fifth and sixth resolutions were separately considered and adopted, and the question recurring on the entire report and accompanying resolutions, it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Colfax, of Ind., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, by special order, considered, accepted, and the committee discharged:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to have prepared and presented to the Washington National Monument Association, in the name of and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a block of marble, as a testimonial of the veneration of our Order for the memory of America's most distinguished citizen, would respectfully report:

That they have attended to that duty, as will be seen by the annexed correspondence. On the 17th of April, 1852, the block of marble was safely delivered by one of the committee; and we are gratified in stating that the President of the United States, in his letter accepting it on behalf of the Association, spoke of it as "worthy of the Association, and doing equal honor to the donors and to him whose undying fame it is intended in part to commemorate."

The duties of the committee being now concluded, they respectfully ask to be discharged.

R. H. GRIFFIN,
PETER FRITZ,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Colfax submitted the following, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, being the only member of the committee appointed to prepare and present to the Washington National Monument a block of marble, who is a member of this communication, would respectfully report:

That P. G. Rep. Peter Fritz, who was charged with the labor of preparing the block, having it suitably embellished, and delivered at the Monument, *estimated*, at the last session, when the work was but partially completed, that the total cost would be $540, which has been paid to him from the Grand Lodge Treasury. In making up his accounts, the expenses actually paid out by him on this behalf are from $100 to $150 more than he has received. In this is not included any sum whatever for his own time or labor, which, as he stated last year,

would be freely given without any charge or compensation. The block of marble prepared by Bro. Fritz is conceded by all who have seen it to be one of the handsomest which will adorn that noble structure, being excelled in the beauty of its sculpture by none. Some of the blocks presented by States and associations have cost from $2000 to $3000, showing the comparative cheapness of the one prepared by Bro. Fritz. Whether the expenditure by that brother of at least $100 over the estimate should be repaid by this Grand Lodge, is submitted to them for their consideration. SCHUYLER COLFAX.

By general consent, on motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., the Treasurer was directed to pay to Bro. Peter Fritz, of Pa., the additional sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in conformity to the suggestion of the foregoing report.

The Lodge again resumed the consideration of the special order.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1931, relative to the translation of the work of the Order into foreign languages, was considered The question being on the resolutions accompanying the report—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to strike out the three last resolutions and insert as follows:

*Resolved,* That the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed, upon ascertaining the correctness of the translation, to have the books printed and sold to Lodges applying therefor, at the same rate as now charged for similar works in the English language; provided, that such sale of the books of the Degree of Rebekah shall not be made to Subordinate Lodges whose State Grand Lodges have not accepted said degree.

The question being on the substitute proposed by Rep. Williams, of Ohio—

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved to amend the second resolution of the committee as follows:

Amend 2d resolution, after the word "language," by inserting the following: "or a proportionate amount for either of said languages."

Rep. Vansant, of Md., raised a point of order, whether the motion of Rep. Shaw was in order, the question being on the resolutions of the committee as a whole, and no division of that question being required.

The Chair ruled that the friends of the original resolutions had a right to perfect them before the question on the substitute was taken, and that the motion of Rep. Shaw was in order.

The question recurring on the amendment to the second resolution of the committee, proposed by Rep. Shaw, of La., it was adopted.

The question now recurring on the substitute for the whole, proposed by Rep. Williams, of Ohio, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions as amended—

Rep. Vansant, of Md., asked a division of the question on the resolutions, when the first and second resolutions were separately adopted.

The third resolution being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., it was amended by inserting the word "Grand"

in the third line after the word "such," and, as thus amended, was adopted.

The fourth resolution was considered and adopted.

Twelve o'clock, the hour fixed for recess, having arrived, on motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., the rule adopted authorizing a recess at that hour was rescinded.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., now moved that the Lodge adjourn *sine die* at half past three o'clock.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to amend by substituting "six o'clock" as the hour of adjournment *sine die*.

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved further to amend by striking out "half past three o'clock," and inserting "when we get through with the business before us."

The question being on the motion of Rep. Shaw, of La., it was not agreed to.

The question then being on the motion of Rep. Stuart, of D. C., it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Kellogg, of Wis., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be and is hereby authorized to mail to each officer and member of this body one copy of this day's proceedings; also one copy to such as may be designated in lists furnished by the members in attendance, the number not to exceed that heretofore furnished.

The Lodge again resumed the special order—

When the next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1932, relative to the power of a Grand Lodge to deprive a Subordinate of its charter, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1932, relative to the right of a Lodge to endorse or mutilate in any way a card submitted for membership, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ga., the report was recommitted to the committee with instructions to report as follows:

"That a withdrawal card is the absolute property of the holder, and no Subordinate Lodge has a right to endorse "rejected" upon it when submitted for membership, or in any otherwise to mutilate it."

The next report, from the same committee, page 1932, relative to the precedence of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in processions, was considered.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report as follows:

*Resolved*, That upon all occasions when precedence is to be observed, they (the Encampments) rank below the Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, thus cutting off the motion to recommit.

And the question being on the adoption of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order—

Rep. Newby, of N. C., asked a division of the question.

The first branch of the report was then adopted, as follows:

"That the Encampment branch has usually been considered as more exalted than the Subordinate, and that precedenee is generally given to the Patriarchal degrees."

The question recurring on the remainder of the report, it was also adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1933, relative "to the proper method of constituting a Grand Lodge whose legislation is restricted to a representative basis," was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1933, relative "to opening and closing ceremonies for the degree of Rebekah," was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1933, "on the subject of extending the privileges of the degree of Rebekah," was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 1934, on the appeal of Deputy Grand Master W. K. Edwards from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1934, on the appeal of P. G. William Henderson from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1935, on the appeal of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered.

Rep. Ridgely, of Md., moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report at the next session the law of the case, as presented in the appeal.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1936, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee with accompanying resolutions, page 1936, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered.

Rep. McCord, of Iowa, moved to amend the second resolution as follows:

"Strike out all after the word "resolved," down to the word "resolution," inclusive, so that the resolution shall read, "that the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa be and is hereby approved.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee and accompanying resolutions, it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was, by special order, considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was recommitted their report, page 1932, in reply to the inquiry submitted by Rep. Glenn, of Ga., relative to the right of a Lodge to endorse "rejected" on a withdrawal card submitted to it for membership thereon, would, under the instructions of this R. W. Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That a card of withdrawal is the absolute property of the holder, and is an evidence of his former good membership; and when he offers to deposite it, and thus gains admission into a Lodge, if rejected, they have not the right to mutilate the card by endorsing "rejected" thereon.

WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

The Lodge resumed the special order, when the next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1936, on the constitution and by-laws of Charity Lodge, No. 6, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, page 1937, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the committee on the subject of the form of ceremony for opening and closing Degree Lodges, page 1937, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., ordered to be transferred to the Secret Journal.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 1939, relative to the instructions accompanying the degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1939, relative to the payment of benefits to travelling brothers, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, the Lodge agreed to take up in this connection the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to sick stranger brethren, page 1884.

The question being on the adoption of the said report of the Committee on the State of the Order—

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 1941, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to the right of officers of Subordinate Lodges to wear silver fringe or bullion, was considered and adopted.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, page 1941, from the Committee on Correspondence, touching the Order in California, was considered.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to strike out the second and third resolutions.

Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as

follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee?"

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., asked a division of the question on the resolutions, and the question being put separately on each resolution, they were severally adopted.

By general consent, the Lodge agreed to consider the resolution of Rep. Williamson, of Ky., page 1942, as follows:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, with leave to sit during the recess, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the true relation that should subsist between dues and benefits, and to construct a table showing, upon the established principles of life and health insurance, what amount of benefits will accrue from a given amount of dues at each year of age, from 21 to 60; and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Ky., the report of Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., page 1909, was taken up in connexion with this subject.

The question being on the adoption of the report, on motion of Rep. Colfax, it was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Williamson, of Ky., it was adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Petitions, pages 1943, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the special order was suspended, for the purpose of enabling Rep. Foute, of Miss., to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge again make an application to the State Grand Lodges for subscriptions to the Wildey fund, accompanied by the question and report of the special committee, page 1925, and that if the amount of said subscription does not reach $500 per annum, that this Grand Lodge make up the deficiency.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., to suspend the rule for the purpose of taking up for consideration the resolutions offered by Rep. Hunt, of Texas, page 1947, it was not agreed to.

The reports of committees, as they appeared on the printed Journal, having been considered, the Lodge agreed to suspend the rule, for the purpose of considering the reports of committees made this day.

The first in order of these was the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, with the accompanying resolution, relating to admitting strangers to witness the ceremony of installation in Subordinate Lodges, which was considered and adopted.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, then moved to reconsider the vote just had upon this report and accompanying resolution; which motion was agreed to.

And the question being on the adoption of the report and resolution of the committee, it was decided in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Barnard, (2 votes,) Billinghurst, Colfax, DeSaussure, Drew, Foute, Glenn, Green, Hale, Hansford, Hayward, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kellogg of Wis.,

Kempton, Libby, McCord, Manchester, Mullen, (2 votes,) Munday, Norman, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Seymour, Williamson, Wood—31.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, Clark, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, Dufour, Froment, Gyles, Hackleman, Hardie, Hicks, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kennedy, (2 votes,) Magruder, Marley, Morton, Mulford, Newby, (2 votes,) Potts, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Sligo, Smiley, Smith, Stuart, Taylor, Vennigerholz, Williams, Zimmerman—41.

The next report, from the same committee, relative to extending the A. T. P. W., page 1955, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, relative to the preparation of a card for wives or widows of members, was considered and adopted.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committees:

Committee to prepare a form of dedicating halls: Reps. Seymour, of S. C.; Hunt, of D. C.; and Smith, of Me.

Committee on Life Insurance: Reps. Williamson, of Ky.; Billinghurst, of Wis.; and Jennings, of Ala.

Rep. Hunt, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which, at his instance, was laid on the table until the next session:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid annually out of the funds in the treasury of this Grand Lodge, to aid in the completion of the National Washington Monument, at Washington City, until the capstone is placed on that noble structure, erected to the memory of the best and greatest man the world ever saw.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned Finance Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay, on the warrant of the Grand Secretary, $10 to Bro. P. G. M. Mearis, for extra services.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have the desks and chairs used by the Representatives forwarded to the place of holding the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Smith, of Me., moved the following amendment to the by-laws:

Amend Art. 16 by striking out the word "three," in the first line, and inserting the word "ten."

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Me., to suspend the rule requiring amendments to the by-laws to lay over one day for the purpose of considering the amendment offered by him, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Cassady, of N. J., was ordered to lie on the table:

*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the Work in the French language translated and printed as soon as practicable, and transmitted to State Grand Bodies who apply for it, at an expense not to exceed the amount charged for the work in the English language.

The hour fixed for adjournment *sine die* having arrived, on motion of Rep. Colfax, the time of adjournment was extended for fifteen minutes.

On motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., the Lodge agreed to go into secret session, for the purpose of considering the report of the committee "on the opening and closing ceremony of Degree Lodges," page 1937.

After some minutes passed in secret session, the Lodge again resumed its ordinary business.

When, on motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., the Grand Secretary was directed to have the opening and closing form of ceremony adopted for Degree Lodges printed and distributed to Grand Lodges.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved that the price of the form of the opening and closing ceremony for Degree Lodges be fixed at 100 per cent. advance upon the cost.

Rep. Williams moved to amend by fixing the price at cost.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Williams, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., it was adopted.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved the following amendments to the by-laws, which were laid on the table under the rule:

Strike out sec. 2 and sec. 3, division 2, and insert—

"SEC. 2. Any brother in good standing may by application (personal or otherwise) to the Secretary and Noble Grand, Scribe and Chief Patriarch, Lodge or Encampment, obtain a visiting card, to be valid for any reasonable length of time expressed on its face.

"SEC. 3. Any brother in good standing may by application (personal or otherwise) to his Lodge or Encampment, obtain a withdrawal or final card, to be valid for any reasonable length of time expressed on its face."

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived—

The R. W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace in earnest prayer.

After which the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned *sine die.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'y.*

# SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

## FROM THE ORDER DURING THE YEAR 1851–2

### MARYLAND.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 3, Nathan Kann, fraud; 4, Godfrey Arndt, conduct unbecoming; 6, James Lemmon, drunkenness; 15, Amasa Leonard, bad conduct; 20, Samuel E. Treadwell, conduct unbecoming; 32, William H. Heckrote, contempt; 44, J. A. Smith, drunkenness; 53, Thomas Davis, conduct unbecoming; 54, John H. Bevan and George Gray, intemperance; 55, William A. Miller, character, and John Schelling, drunkenness; 60, Joshua W. Webster, conduct unbecoming; 62, D. A. Kahn, immoral conduct; 65, Ernst Hunecke and J. C. H. Neibaker, conduct unbecoming; 69, L. Patterson, bad conduct; 71, James During, drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 3, A. Victor, deception; 6, John Altic, contempt; 15, Philip Schenkle, contempt; 35, Christian Smith, immoral conduct; 45, H. A. Duvall and William G. Parsons, contempt; 51, Asa Spence, habitual intoxication; 61, Fisher A. White, bad conduct; 62, Charles O. Fisher, contempt.

### SOUTHERN NEW YORK.

*Suspensions and Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 13, Philip Turish, F. Fishteed and P. Herry; 14, James Eisworths; 50, John Wolf and A. Voigt; 58, D. S. Smith and James M. Evans; 83, G. Russell; 91, T. Barker, G. H. Allen and Charles Smith; 117, H. Cogswell; 133, H. Fessen; 183, E. C. Brettle; 187, G. K. Van Walkenburg and G. Vandenburg; 243, J. Mulholland; 248, J. B. Petty; 289, James Russell; 288, Ross W. Gardner; 301, T. Seaman; 356, S. Canty; 364, John S. Easton; 389, N. W. Leland; 394, A. A. Cook; 141, Elijah P. D. Mott.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 31, John Leaver, improper conduct; 32, William Kemp, intoxication; 45, William Bislenfield, improper conduct; 51, John W. McCulley, improper conduct; 28, George W. Goodknecht, contempt; 38, Edward Weckerly, improper conduct; 58, Jabez Nicholas and Frederick Brown, improper conduct; 81, William Cline, William Hamilton and A. Redman, intemperance; 119, William Baker, intoxication; 124, H. Critzman and David Tipton, intemperance; 129, A. Leader, defalcation; 134, Cyprian Cobb, immoral conduct;

140, William Williams and William Wicht, intemperance; 151, S. A. Woodruff, improper conduct; 170, George W. Peirson, improper conduct; 186, Lewis Pechin, improper conduct; 189, N. Eisendrath and M. Weinberg, improper conduct; 191, George N. Smith and D. Simpson, improper conduct; 192, Henry Ketterman, immoral conduct; 202, Charles Pugh, intemperance, John M. Gilmore, improper conduct; 209, James Applegate, disorderly conduct; 218, William S. Herst, intemperance; 220, W. L. Gaiter, improper conduct; 235, Jacob L. Hinkle and Reuben Sands, improper conduct; 242, John Speich, intoxication. 327, P. J. Gallagher, immoral conduct; 332, Justus Dearman, slander; 343, Samuel Black, improper conduct; 348, Thomas Maitland, immoral conduct; 363, John Mills and Joseph Law, contempt; 364, William Dick and R. H. Sheldon, intemperance; 366, William Bliss and Joseph Anderson, intemperance; 368, John F. McKiney, improper conduct; 384, Harrison Moore and John Watson, improper conduct; 407, Stewart Dennis, improper conduct; 412, J. L. Fuller, improper conduct; 422, John W. Stuckhouse, improper conduct, Roger Wolcott and Richard Cliver, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 2, James Williams, improper conduct; 6, Thomas Odeans, attempting to commit rape, Alexander Murphy and Samuel Johnson, improper conduct; 10, William Hoffman, improper conduct; 13, Joseph Dows, improper conduct; 15, Robert Trumbell, contempt; 21, Adam Schantz, improper conduct; 23, John Conley, improper conduct; 29, William Wall, improper conduct; 41, John C. Dawson, improper conduct; 45, Lewis Vollhard, improper conduct; 56, John Letcher, violating his obligation; 58, Thomas J. Jones, intemperance, Daniel R. Williams, improper conduct; 85, Jacob Stratton, intemperance; 108, James C. McKay, defrauding brothers, John Mathews, intoxication and theft; 111, Samuel Walter, improper conduct; 116, Levi Green, contempt; 117, J. Nelson, contempt; 121, William Martin, adultery; 122, Henry Houg, gross immorality; 124, Benjamin Hern, forgery, 129, Henry J. Wolf, intemperance; 137, James Goff, improper conduct; 141, Peter Moll, intemperance; 157, William Marburger, contempt; 159, David Steach and Jacob Shultz, improper conduct; 161, Daniel L. Lefevre, contempt; 164, Moses Kohn, fraud; 165, Levi Totten, immoral conduct; 170, Thomas Griffin, jr., and Joseph Myers, contempt; 172, Samuel O. Reson, improper conduct; 175, George Neighard and F. H. Kurling, intemperance; 181, Corydon H. Wells, improper conduct; 188, R. W. Lockerman, improper conduct; 195, A. W. Ort, dishonesty; 202, Robert Fry, improper conduct; 205, John B. Topley, intemperance, John Charters, improper conduct; 209, Jesse Graham, stealing, Samuel Houk, burglary; 216, John Wentz, improper conduct; 218, Amos Gilbert, intemperance; 220, Henry Craven, intemperance; 242, John Bostick, improper conduct; 253, Patrick McDade, imposing on the lodge; 254, Calvin L. Devine, deception, William Davis, fraud; 256, Barclay Clements, fraud; 257, Samuel Felty, larceny; 258, Warren L. Heins, improper conduct; 267, Benjamin Seamans, improper conduct; 274, S. S. Packard, improper conduct; 285, W. J. Renner, improper

conduct; 291, Thomas Reese, intemperance; 302, Thomas F. Brook, contempt; 314, Charles Young and J. K. Henrie, intemperance; 315, D. B. Herick, intemperance; 323, F. D. Gill, contempt; 325, Thomas Rihle, improper conduct; 329, Jesse Rapp, theft, C. R. Biddle, intemperance; 347, Hugh Fox and Henry Linden, contempt; 348, Adam Rightmyer, improper conduct; 358, William F. Killinger, fraud; 360, Robert Majo, fraud; 362, Robert Hays and Joseph Rutledge, improper conduct; 363, Robert Ransell, contempt; 364, G. W. Gray, intemperance; 368, Leonard S. Marks, improper conduct; 371, Joel J. Rogers, improper conduct; 378, Thomas B. Danley, improper conduct; 383, John Rose, intemperance, Augustus Kister, John Fedegan, G. Silverthorne and Solomon Carlin, improper conduct; 384, Miller Barton, fraud; 394, George W. Whitcraft, passing counterfeit money; 402, Isaac Lee, contempt; 404, Oliver H. Peirsol, improper conduct; 409, Samuel Prichley, improper conduct; 413, Cornelius Winters, intemperance; 414, Beater Rexter, improper conduct; 418, John C. Kensel, improper conduct; 427, Philip Confair, intemperance; 464, A. Haimer, fraud.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 9, W. B. Sothoron, contempt; 11, Finley Brannan, drunkenness.

DELAWARE.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 1, Andrew King and Franklin Witid, intoxication; 9, Joseph Reech, improper conduct; 15, C. R. Wiltbank, fraud; 18, John Rensor and James Robinson, improper conduct.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 9, Theodore Tromp, contempt; 23, David Hampton, fraud.

OHIO.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 1, William Penney, conduct unbecoming, William Neare, rioting; 3, John Shield, drunkenness; 18, Charles E. Cock, drunkenness; 48, David T. Summers, embezzlement; 105, Smith S. King, conduct unbecoming; 117, John Martin, drunkenness; 151, Amos T. Croesdale, entering the lodge in a state of intoxication; 157, Henry McGuire, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, Francis Wibel Tilghman, conduct unbecoming; 2, Mark Mayhew, revealing the secrets of the Order, George K. Smith and Thomas R. Davis, contempt; 3, Simon Wessen, contempt; 4, J. W. Garrison, contempt; 5, Thompson Ennis and Thomas J. Elriggle, conduct unbecoming; 7, Michael Shiell, conduct unbecoming; 8, Joseph Kelly, keeping gambling house; 9, John Foster, jr., contempt; 16, James H. Curry, drunkenness; 21, Daniel McCally, intoxication; 23, William C. Stiles, conduct unbecoming; 25, George Garrison, contempt; 30, David Delamore, falsely claiming benefits; 31, W. R. Chamberlain, contempt; 33, George Buel, conduct unbecoming; 42, C. Crummel, contempt; 48, T. W. Fitzgerald, contempt, R. S. McEwen, drunkenness; 51, M. W. Welsh, L. W. Hall, R. L. Sweery, contempt, Stephen D. Rouse, drunkenness; 55, G. W. Seaton, conduct unbecoming; 56, John Wendle, conduct unbecoming; 59, Wells B. Fox, lying and dishonesty, James C. Stodart, contempt James S.

Homan, neglect of family; 67, George Hutchinson, conduct unbecoming; 71, Ephraim Cole, defrauding the lodge, James Ileff, wilful misrepresentation, lying, &c.; 75, James Patmore, habitual drunkenness, J. H. McMillen and Aaron Hunter, absconding; 97, E. R. Cousins, conduct unbecoming; 103, J. R. Robinson, final card revoked; 112, Leander Jeffers, intoxication, Jacob Bergen, conduct unbecoming; 113, B. S. Spanier, adultery; 116, J. M. Smith, Lee Cook and Rockly Barhee, (cause not reported); 120, A. G. Lathrop, (cause not reported); 125, G. W. Menough, revealing secrets of the Order; 130, Frederick A. Thoman, (cause not reported); 132, Abijah Watson, conduct unbecoming; 134, James M. Richards, contempt; 138, John Kelley, contempt; 140, Nathaniel Leonard, fornication, and betraying confidence of friends; 148, Edward Pendley, contempt; 149, George C. Pope, forgery and obtaining money under false pretences, John V. Brading, forgery and defrauding the Lodge; 150, Morris Leinthal, attempting to steal from his employers; 151, Z. O. Connell, conduct unbecoming; 152, Augustus S. Ayres, contempt; 153, Hugh Oliver and Peragrin P. Sanford, contempt; 156, J. M. Cromley, contempt; 163, N. C. Miller, contempt; 165, Daniel Newman, conduct unbecoming; 175, J Mauh, contempt.

LOUISIANA.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, James Garland, dishonesty; 6, P. W. Durell, dishonesty, J. J. Panton, conduct unbecoming; 8, John Barbat, fraud, Paul Tricon, defrauding the United States Government; 11, R. C. Faulkner, dishonesty; 13, J. Parrish, contempt; 14, H. Franko, receiving stolen goods, E. Lowensteim, fraud and general bad character; 16, J. R. Beard, jr., F. D. D. Delecroix and A. Delahoussage, dishonesty; 20, H. C. Cook and J. H. Baldridge, ill-treatment towards a brother Odd-Fellow; 21, F. G. Fitzpatrick, abusing a brother's wife; 30, Orville Custar, swindling, D. W. Trotter, T. H. Pitts, conduct unbecoming; 32, Perry Hillman, drunkenness, Jacob Ganett, whipping a brother's wife.

NEW JERSEY.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 19, J. Alcott, intemperance; 22, William King, intemperance, Timothy Justice, immoral conduct; 45, Samuel T. Pancost, horse racing on the Sabbath; 49, Thomas H. Jobs, intemperance, 56, Daniel Hand, intemperance; 59, William B. McNeal, contempt; 65, William S. Eldridge, contempt and immoral conduct; 66, John P. Van Houten, embezzlement; 74, Baptiste Hadler, refusing to pay fine; 79, G. W. Gillam, seduction; 88, John Stratton, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 4, Andrew Thompson and John Cougle, contempt; 17, James Parent, stealing; 35, Joseph B. Harris, improper conduct; 44, George P. Furman, intemperance; 47, Richard R. Allen, contempt; 63, Charles L. Chrismer, contempt; 81, Samuel Groenedge, intemperance; 91, Daniel L. Barret, embezzling the funds of the lodge; 92, John Glecil, larceny; 97, Thomas C. Taylor, intemperance; 99, Samuel Mooney, contempt; 106, Harrison J. Cole, improper conduct.

KENTUCKY.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 1, J. Crook and C. A. Spalding, intemperance; 3. J. B. Porter, J. B. Jenkins and C. M. Rude, intemperance; 17, V. Schuller, conduct unbecoming, Peter Frey, intemperance; 18, James Williams, conduct unbecoming; 20, Jenkin Evans, conduct unbecoming; 69, A. M. Ford, intemperance; 71, John Cooper, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, George B. Brown, neglecting his wife; 3, James L. Emmerson, intemperance; 4, M. Hendries, (cause not reported); 18, J. N. Thompson, conduct unbecoming; 21, John Milliken, intemperance and insulting a brother's daughter; 24, James McIntosh, intemperance; 27, G. F. Kendall, intemperance; 3, A. J. McCarty, conduct unbecoming; 35, James Collins, conduct unbecoming; 36, J. S. Curd, intemperance; 38, J. E. Stockton, slander; 44, G. F. Maddox, swindling; 45, Timothy Ellis, contempt; 46, J. K. Taylor, intemperance; 47, E. Lovett, gambling and swindling; 49, J. S. Corgell, conduct unbecoming; 56, Harry Walker, gambling and intemperance; 59, R. M. Clayton, (cause not reported); 61, John F. Schumette, contempt, J. B. Legrune, conduct unbecoming; 63, J. D. Gibson and S. M. Thompson, counterfeiting; 65, W. W. Craddock, gambling and intemperance; 68, J. D. Pope, contempt; 78, J. N. Lloyd, deserting his family.

VIRGINIA.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 1, Edward N. Bell, contempt, James J. Claughlin, intoxication; 3, John V. K. Ebbert, defalcation as treasurer; 4, James Simpson, intoxication; 5, Michael Lynch, drunkenness; 6, William J. Reid, intemperance, George W. Graves, drunkenness; 7 J. W. Hines, drunkenness; 9, William Beach, intemperance, John L. Wright, speaking lightly of sick members of the Order; 10, John Miffleton, William H. Martin, Hezekiah Johnson and George Nicholson, intoxication; 13, Charles Pratt, intemperance; 29, John S. Grantham, conduct unbecoming; 32, P. Miller, gambling, A. B. Thiehoff, drunkenness; 33, Christian Camesser, intoxication; 47, E. J. Link, drunkenness; 51, C. R. Dowell, intoxication, T. R. Williams, drunkenness; 55, Walter Dunnington, intoxication; 56, Robert Edmondson and Jas. Ireson, jr., intoxication; 57, G. P. Price and P. Percival, conduct unbecoming; 58, James Fagan, William Breslin and William G. Wright, intoxication; 64, Joseph A. Hill, circulating reports to cause injury to a brother; 70, John T. Ingle, intoxication; 75, J. E. Jones, drunkenness; 76, T. W. Martin and H. N. Bibb, intoxication; 82, Jacob Young, drunkenness, Edward Griffith, fornication; 86, John B. Smiley, slander; 90, George W. Hobson, intoxication; 94, Robert W. Lee, fraud; 100, Peter Maghee, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, Benjamin Cooley; 4, Charles S. Derr, embezzlement, Robert Willett, drunkenness; 5, Michael Lynch, drunkenness; 6, W. J. Reed, drunkenness; 9, Adolphus Brauder, fraud, William Coates, buying stolen goods knowing them to be stolen; 10, John Miffleton, drunkenness; 13, Richard Knowles, fraud and adultery, John Park, drunkenness; 15, William House, conduct unbe-

coming; 26, James D. McPherson, drunkenness; 30, Allen M. Walls, criminal and inhuman treatment to his mother; 33, E. Berberet, not receiving his final card, C. Messinger, drunkenness; 40, J. T. Cropper, drunkenness, O. B. Jenks and B. M. Buckner, contempt; 45, James M. Burdett, unworthy conduct; 51, T. R. Williams, drunkenness; 58, James Fagan and Thomas H. Birchett, intoxication; 61, William W. Palmer, forgery and fraud; 72, George W. Hoomes, drunkenness; 76, Charles Smith, drunkenness, P. M. Harlan, falsehood; 78, William D. Williams, intoxication; 84, John D. Vineil, violation of obligation, R. H. Bogle and David H. Perry, conduct. unbecoming; 87, James McCamy, grossly immoral conduct; 88, William C. Turner, fraud; 103; John M. Sharpley, breach of trust; 109, John Bussard, abuse of the Order; 110, Jacob Baker, unbecoming language.

MISSISSIPPI.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 3, J. W. Wallace, conduct unbecoming; 14, S. H. Lee, intoxication; 21, Hatch Whitfield, intoxication; 25, W. H. Trimble, intoxication; 34, J. R. Dermont, conduct unbecoming; 40, J. R. Furguson, misconduct as a public officer; 47, J. H. Fields, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, M. A. Marks, conduct unbecoming, M. D. Marks, contempt; 13, T. B. Turner, conduct unbecoming, S. R. Egger, intoxication; 19, — Guinn, dishonesty; 21, Joseph A. Oliver, immoral conduct; 22, Henry S. Allen, swindling and lying; 23, J. W. Woodward, intoxication; 26, J. E. Berthe, murder; 33, A. J. Twissell, embezzling lodge funds; 45, J. A. Polk, G. B. Moore and J. G. Ford, deceiving the lodge.

MISSOURI.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 1, Thomas Foster, drunkenness; 2, Hugh Cochran, swindling; 3, Carl Pfennig, drunkenness; 5, T. G. Thomas, drunkenness; 24, William Fi[illegible], withholding moneys collected; 37, Thomas M. Glenn, embezzling money; 44, Jerome B. Bibb, indecorous language to lodge; 4[illegible] Richard H. Rust, neglecting to pay debts after promising to do so.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, Luke Quick, attempted arson, N. T. Chandler, drunkenness; 2, George Cubberly, bad conduct; 5, William Harper, George F. Martin and G. Collier Robbins, fraud, Hudson Carlyle, conduct unbecoming; 19, Arthur F. Hill and David H. McMun, habitual drunkenness; 20, W. H. Turner, fraud; 29, Theophilus C. Dukes, drunkenness and lying; 42, John R. Snell, drunkenness and lying.

INDIANA

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. [illegible], A. Gurritz, drunkenness; 27, F. H. Wilklow, disorderly conduct; 32, T. S. Davidson, habitual intoxication; 47, M. Brouillette, intoxication; 54, S. T. Clark, intoxication; 55, George Kittle, conduct unbecoming; 58, William Howlett, conduct unbecoming; 83, Green H. Nield, conduct unbecoming; 88, Simon Thomas, intemperance; 90, Samuel Fletcher, conduct unbecoming; 2,

Peter Gordon, rioting and gambling; 7, Charles G. Colvin, gambling with a negro; 49, S. T. Scott, misrepresentation; 51, F. McGaw and N. Preston, intemperance; 64, J. W. Evans, wronging a brother; 79, A. T. Ward, assault and battery.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 10, Isaac Bull, conduct unbecoming; 15, Anson A. Fuller, larceny; 17, Nathan Hawkins and William Marker conduct unbecoming; 25, John Curtis, drunkenness, &c.; 31, Joseph Minor and A. S. Minor, conduct unbecoming; 33, P. E. Tuttle, bigamy; 47, Wilson Alexander, drunkenness and fighting; 49, Rinald Montgomery, drunkenness and adultery; 51, Loran Smith, adultery, Fleming McGaw, habitual intoxication; 59, J. S. M. Hawkins, seduction, &c.; 61, William W. Tichenor, defrauding brothers; 73, Samuel Manhamer, adultery; 74, M. Galliher, final card revoked for conduct unbecoming; 75, W. Basson, conduct unbecoming; 85, S. T. Jenkins, contempt; 88, J. W. Cassady, absconding and defrauding his creditors; 91, G. Brown, drunkenness; 102, S. A. Fisher, conduct unbecoming; 8, James Jones, taking advantage of a brother; 18, Robert Anderson, contempt; 23, N. L. Rogers, intoxication and lying; 43, T. J. Larrimore, conduct unbecoming; 46, A. Pilcher, conduct unbecoming; 68, M. R. Menach, drunkenness; 71, J. Snodgrass, conduct unbecoming; 88, J. D. Irish, contempt.

CONNECTICUT.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 6, I. N. White, drunkenness; 10, W. H. Lamb, drunkenness; 24, C. E. Wilmot, assault and battery; 29, Russell Millard, drunkenness; 36, T. W. Warren, slander; 37, T. Comstock, drunkenness; 45, W. Massy, drunkenness; 61, M. L. Healy, misconduct.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 4, Cornelius Benedict, fraud; 5, John B. Babson and Henry E. Hill, fraud; 7, Orland Jennings, drunkenness; 8, William R. Hoyle, drunkenness; 17, E. B. H. Prince, drunkenness; 48, Lorman Scott, drunkenness; 56, Daniel Sullivan, drunkenness; 60, John A. Gilbert, dishonesty; 64, J. Clough, fornication; 68, S. A. Robinson, fraud.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Suspension.*—Lodge No. 31, J. H. Bean, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsion.*—Lodge No. 18, George W. Hall, violating the principles of the Order.

RHODE ISLAND.

*Suspension.*—Lodge No. 15, C. L. Woodworth, improper conduct.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 8, N. Pace, intoxication; 12, A. M. Moye, intemperance; 21, Robert Johnson, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, F. Stein, conduct unbecoming; 2, W. Davenport, conduct unbecoming; 3, L. Olmstead, intoxication and fraud; 8, J. A. Hunter, intoxication and contempt of lodge rules; 12, W. S. Murphy, drunkenness; 15, W. J. Blackman, conduct unbecoming; 19, W. H. Waldrope, violating the principles of the Order; 20, Samuel Warnock, habitual drunkenness.

TEXAS.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 11, R. A. Colby, conduct unbecoming; 16, F. V. McKee, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 3, Alexander Moon, contempt; 11, J. McManus, conduct unbecoming; 12, P. K. Edwards, conduct unbecoming; 16, A. B. Patton, drunkenness; 17, John McGoens, entering the lodge drunk, R. B. Blackwell and F. E. Cosley, fraud.

TENNESSEE.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 2, John Steel, jun., divulging secrets; 3, Thomas J. Pickins, fraud; 30, John Ragland, conduct unbecoming; 62, James G. Berkley, intemperance; 63, R. B. Foster and J. Y. L. Moris, drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 2, S. M. Scott, contempt; 4, James Baugh, intoxication; 11, William A. Young, intemperance; 13, D. T. McCoin, intemperance; 14, W. H. Sharp, fraud, B. L. Cornohen, adultery; 17, David Patalto, intemperance and abuse of wife, A. P. Danell, fraud; 18, R. G. Boswell, intemperance; 26, W. F. Smith, wronging a brother; 46, J. T. Smith, intemperance; 48, Mumford D. Haus, lying; 52, E. V. Scrugs, conduct unbecoming, John B. Wilson, bigamy.

ALABAMA.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 1, James Crow, drunkenness; 6, R. T. Davis and L. Piggott, contempt; 7, Thomas J. Burke, intemperance; 9, C. Wood, conduct unbecoming; 10, William Davis, conduct unbecoming, N. H. Jackson, drunkenness, (card annulled), James H. Cone, conduct unbecoming and habitual drunkenness; 20, William L. Allis, adultery; 21, P. D. Bird, habitual drunkenness and conduct unbecoming; 25, A. J. Colby, swindling; 31, James Atherton and John H. Thomas, dishohesty; 34, G. E. Wallace, intoxication; 35, L. A. Leonard, conduct unbecoming; 39, M. D. Hoodenpyle, attempt at seduction and threatening a brother.

ILLINOIS.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 2, T. Middleton, intoxication; 4, George Bordwell, adultery, Matthew Steward, conniving in declaring a ballot wrong; 13, James Kelly, quarrelling with and using abusive language to a brother; 21, John M. Law, intoxication; 43, M. T. Kurtz, contempt; 50, Paul D. Otis, abusive threats towards a brother; 52, James Hastings, intoxication, Richard Smith, disturbance; 64, N. Williams, gambling, N. Harlan, intoxication; 71, James C. Head, intoxication and gambling; 73, Joseph S. Dodds, immoral conduct; 65, Thomas G. Landon, conduct unbecoming; 76, C. Kirgan, abuse of Odd-Fellowship; 77, William McCullogh, threatening violence to a brother; 84, John D. Bass, drunkenness; 91, A. R. Campbell, falsifying a brother; 93, William L. Graham, unlawful intimacy with a female, Wm. F. Davidson, attempt to run off without paying his debts; 98, William H. Collins, revealing the name of a candidate before election.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 2, B. F. Batterton, habitual drunkenness; 4, S. H. Pilcher, drunkenness; 10, L. W. Young and J. R. Payton, contempt; 12, James D. D. Colvin, seduction, William N. Ott, purloining meat; 13, H. H. Wilkerson and Charles W. Stevens, quarrelling and fighting; 16, R. F. Kippenberg, attempt to defraud a partner in business; 18, Henry Carpenter, swindling; 22, Edwin Webber, contempt; 25, Alonso Curtis, swindling; 26, Nelson Allen, adultery and seduction; 28, William Woodward, producing abortion; 31, Richard T. Tileston, want of moral honesty; 36, J. L. Bowers, cheating and defrauding a brother; 37, Tapley C. Bolling, desertion of family; 38, William H. Maddux, assault and battery; 41, John Buckender, perjury, E. B. Taylor, exposure of one of the working books; 43, John Robertson, selling ardent spirits on the Sabbath, D. A. Burdett, theft; 45, Asaph F. Newton, cheating brothers; 50, John Kelly, drunkenness and desertion of family; 52, James Hastings, intoxication and speaking lightly of the Order; 56, August Post, adultery and deserting his family; 57, C. P. Allen, drunkenness, swindling and lying; 58, John Frenkes, disobedience, Frederick Shultz, fraudulent flight; 65, John W. Hartley, charges of swindling; 68, John McElwa, purloining money, C. Boyd, drunkenness; 70, William Gratehouse, intoxication; 71, William C. Cates, defrauding his brother creditors, G. W. Markley, absconding; 83, John Buffum, unworthy conduct; 84, J. J. Ward, drunkenness and unworthy conduct; 87, B. F. Marriner, fraud; 89, Warren P. Langworthy, charge of petit larceny; 91, William Tradue, absconding; 93, B. A. Fuller, contempt; 95, John Hawker, absconding with lodge funds.

MICHIGAN.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 3, Orlando Button, letting his bail pay forfeit; 14, Collins Davis, drinking and keeping a gambling house; 17, Andrew Hilliker, conduct unbecoming, Peter Conrad, dishonesty and abuse; 22, C. V. Ryland, general bad conduct; 30, W. A. Streeter, general bad conduct; 38, George W. Pattison, violating his obligations; 49, L. E. Waterbury, fraudulent representations; 40, J. L. Heutsuff, conduct unbecoming; 48, B. R. Beal, illicit intercourse, Thomas Curtis, conduct unbecoming; 56, Paul Hilger, drunkenness; 57, E. H. Keables, defrauding a brother.

WISCONSIN.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 13, Charles Aelin, dishonesty; 20, U. S. Webb, disclosures; 25, O. D. Whitney, gambling; 29, H. N. Waldo, contempt; 38, Sawyer Carter, bad conduct; 46, Edwin Babjohn, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 2, J. G. Hayden, contempt; 4, A. W. Paris, conduct unbecoming; 6, Abel Conner, intemperance; 7, Orrin Brainard, conduct unbecoming; 10, A. R. Mosher, falsehood and fraud, D. R. Chappell and J. H. Adams, contempt; 11, Frederick Etsing, habitual drunkenness; 15, Fletcher Brooks, drunkenness; 18, P. G. Hopkins, conduct unbecoming; 20, M. Broom, contempt to Grand Lodge and conduct unbecoming; 23, Jehiel Smith, conduct unbecom-

ing; 25, D. A. Sauher, gambling; 27, S. W. Munn, conduct unbecoming; 28, J. L. Green, contempt; 32, R. L. Howard, embezzlement of public funds; 38, J. H. Phillips, conduct unbecoming; 43, Jas. Long, intoxication; 45, D. Heggleston, wronging a brother, J. T. Wilson, falsehood; 47, H. T. Bailey, falsehood; 51, A. Andrews, disorderly conduct; 62, J. E. Wright, conduct unbecoming.

NORTH CAROLINA.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 11, W. J. Garner, druukenness; 19, Jas. Friplett, fornication and adultery; 25, John H. Happold, conduct unbecoming.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

*Suspensions.*—Lodges, No. 18, J. R. Bainbridge, excessive use of opium; 25, Augustus Smith, misrepresenting health when admitted; 61, William Foster, gambling; 91, Arthur Brown, intemperance; 126, W. A. Fox, conduct unbecoming; 131, Charles J. Dubeck, conduct unbecoming; 133, Edmund Struter, conduct unbecoming; 163, R. H. Rogers, immoral conduct; 169, Samuel D. Griffin, intemperance; 188, James Chadwell, intemperance; 189, Francis Batsford, intemperance; 193, Thomas F. Pamer and James Hulett, intemperance; 236, James Birden, improper conduct; 346, N. Chapman, violating the principles of the Order; 358, H. H. Carpenter, improper conduct; 370, Myron Mosher, practising fraud; 342, Judson Hume, divulging private business of the lodge; 393, John M. Jones, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—Lodges, No. 6, Henry E. Price, neglect of family; 8, Franklin Judd, violation of obligation; 10, Henry F. Fay, drunkennesss; 13, John H. Wager, conduct unbecoming; 26, John Walker, intemperance; 27, Chauncey D. Packard, intemperance, John Cameron, contempt; 32, Daniel Johnson, conduct unbecoming; 36, Abram F. Halsted, contempt; 38, Alonzo G. Westervelt, conduct unbecoming; 44, James Konig, drunkenness, Charles Watkins, obtaining money under false pretences; 46, William Anderson, intemperance; 52, Stephen W. Wait, contempt; 55, William Baker, defrauding brothers; 60, James B. Gallup and C. W. Sanders, contempt; 62, Henry Emerald, jr., contempt; 76, Lyman Lamb and Lippan Lamb, contempt; 82, L. Averall, slander; 86, James Peters, conduct unbecoming; 97, James Van Walkenburgh, conduct unbecoming; 99, Moses B. Gardner, drunkenness; 101, Almond Kelly, conduct unbecoming; 110, William Van Drunn and T. W. Eastman, violation of the constitution; 125, W. Pierce, deception and contempt; 126, William Bibbins, contempt, Sidney Carrington, conduct unbecoming; 136, Horace Fitch, contempt; 156, Dexter Colvin, neglect and contempt; 171, Richard Porter, contempt; 187, Merritt Sharp, contempt; 188, George W. Stevens, contempt; 205, L. Billinghurst, conduct unbecoming; 206, L. D. Brown, conduct unbecoming; 207, John Birdorph, conduct unbecoming; 210, Thomas F. Salig, contempt; 212, George Persal, conduct unbecoming; 218, Sidney Riggs, slander; 225, Thomas Copeland, intemperance, J. A. Bailey, conduct unbecoming; 226, J. L. Fish, immoral conduct; 228, John McPhu, drunkenness; 233, L. S. Shermin, contempt; 240, George

Williams, intemperance; 244, M. S. Carr and M. J. Waring, contempt; 245, James Clark, contempt; 247, Henry L. Devendorf, contempt and withholding money; 251, David Young, deception and fraud; 252, S. Nickerson and George Taylor, contempt; 260, John Gemel, embezzling goods, James S. Van Arx, fraud; 273, Amos Stocker, conduct unbecoming; 275, John L. Anderson, conduct unbecoming; 283, D. H. Graham, intemperance, C. S. Bouls, contempt; 285, N. S. Calkins, conduct unbecoming; 291, John Barry, drunkenness; 292, Henry Hartman, drunkenness; 294, R. A. Mon, conduct unbecoming; 295, Sheldon Squires, contempt; 296, A. H. Loucks, contempt; 307, David Darby and Oscar Smith, defrauding brothers; 310, Ira J. Thurston, contempt; 313, Patrick McKim, withholding one of the working books; 316, Thomas Douglass, drunkenness; 319, John Siples, contempt; 326, Franklin McNerty, conduct unbecoming; 340, Colly Tirel and John H. Spenergers, conduct unbecoming; 346, J. S. Kirkpatrick, contempt; 348, George Kidder, intemperance; 355, W. P. Gray, contempt; 359, George Martin, contempt; 364, John Mutfurt, misstatement; 370, Felix McGrudy, drunkenness; 371, Thomas Crain and W. L. Babcock, drunkenness; 376, James E. Day, improper conduct in lodge; 377, H. H. George, conduct unbecoming; 388, John McNaughton, contempt; 394, Michael Wern, bigamy.

IOWA.

*Expulsion.*—J. W. Garner, (No. of lodge and cause not reported).

## GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

PENNSYLVANIA.

*Suspensions.*—Encampments, No. 2, John T. Herbert, improper conduct; 14, Peter Ahl, improper conduct; 20, William F. Hamilton, Alexander Readman and H. D. Cooper, improper conduct.

*Expulsions.*—Encampments, No. 11, James Bostick, improper conduct; 14, Charles M. Smyser, insubordination.

LOUISIANA.

*Expulsions.*—Encampment No. 3, R. C. Faulkner, dishonesty, John Barbat, by Subordinate Lodge.

MISSOURI.

*Expulsion.*—Encampment No. 5, W. M. Withers, by Subordinate Lodge.

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| Arkansas—J. P. Norman, | Helena. |
| Minnesota—John G. Potts, | Galena, Ill. |
| California—Samuel H. Parker, | San Francisco. |
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# INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

**FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.**

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of the United States,

*Held in the City of Philadelphia, September*, 1853.

PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 5, 1853.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM W. MOORE, - - - M. W. G. Sire.
HERMAN L. PAGE, - - - - R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER, - - - R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, - - R. W. G. Chaplain.
JOHN SESSFORD, JR., - - - R. W. G. Marshal.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - - R. W. G. Messenger.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT, - - - W. G. Guardian.

And Representatives from twenty-one State Grand Lodges and nine Grand Encampments, as follows:

P. G. M. D. P. Barnard, - - - - Northern New York.
P. G. C. W. Bradbury, - - - - Vermont.
P. G. Charles Billinghurst, - - - - Wisconsin.
P. G. Joseph Burton, - - - - Maine.
P. G. Nelson Carlisle, - - - - - Delaware.
P. G. M. John Crickard, - - - - Louisiana.
P. G. Joseph L. Drew, - - - - Massachusetts.
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P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh, - - - Virginia.
P. G. M. Andre Froment, - - - - Southern New York.
P. G. Luther J. Glenn, - - - - - Georgia.
P. G. Sec. John A. Gyles, - - - South Carolina.
P. G. Nelson Hayward, - - - - Ohio.
P. G. William Hicks, - - - - Rhode Island.
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P. G. James B. Kellogg, - - - - Wisconsin.
P. G. E. S. Kempton, - - - - - Georgia.
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P. G. M. Samuel Lynes, - - - - Connecticut.
P. G. M. William D. McCord, - - - Iowa.
P. G. Francis D. Mulford, - - - New Jersey.
P. G. P. John R. Mullen, - - - - Massachusetts.
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G. M. Walter L. Steele, - - - - North Carolina.
P. G. I. D. Williamson, - - - - Kentucky.
P. G. M. Benj. F. Zimmerman, - - - Maryland.

The Grand Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, the reading of the proceedings of the last session was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. Kennedy, of Southern New York, Glenn, of Georgia, and Billinghurst, of Wisconsin.

The credentials of new members were presented and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge take a recess for ——— to enable the proper officers to make the necessary arrangements for the convenience of the members, and that they be and are hereby instructed to arrange the seats of the Officers on the side of the room and Representatives' seats in a circle surrounding the chair of the M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Hunt, of District Columbia, moved to fill the blank in the resolution by inserting "four hours."

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on filling the blank—

Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, moved the following as a substitute for the resolution of Rep. Froment, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Officers, after the adjournment of the day, be instructed to change the position of the chair of the Grand Sire, and that the same be placed on the side of the room, and that they be authorized to prepare proper platforms for the Grand Sire and Grand Officers.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended by the substitute, it was adopted.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the several States and Jurisdictions now proceed to draw for the seats to be occupied by them during the session, and that ballots from No. 1 to 34, corresponding with the number of States and Jurisdictions represented in this body, be placed in a ballot box, and that one number be drawn for each Jurisdiction represented, commencing with the State of Maryland. The State or Jurisdiction that draws No. 1 shall be entitled to as many seats, commencing at the desk No. 1, as the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of said State is entitled to. The State or Jurisdiction which shall draw No. 2 shall occupy the necessary number of seats immediately consecutive to No. 1, and so on to No. 34.

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three members be appointed to carry into effect the above resolution.

The Chair named Reps. Hunter, of Virginia, Drew, of Massachusetts, and Dufour, of Indiana, as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, raised the question whether Rep. Dufour was competent to serve as a member of a committee of this body, his seat being contested.

The Chair ruled as follows: That the Representative had been elected for the constitutional term of two years, and duly admitted to a seat at the last session. He had served only one half of his term, and this Grand Lodge was not informed that the brother had incurred any disqualification. He therefore had the same rights of membership on this floor as any other member who holds his seat from last session.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, from the committee appointed to superintend the drawing for seats of Grand Representatives, made the following report, and the members were seated in conformity thereto:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee appointed to superintend the drawing for the seats respectfully report that they have performed that duty, and the seats being drawn pursuant to the resolution, the States and Jurisdictions drew the seats as numbered in the annexed schedule:

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| Maryland, | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4 | Vermont, | | 52, 53 |
| Southern New York, | 5, | 6, | 7, | 8 | Ohio, | 54, 55, 56, | 57 |
| Indiana, | 9, | 10, | 11, | 12 | Minnesota, | | 58 |
| Michigan, | | 13, | 14, | 15 | Missouri, | 59, 60, | 61 |
| New Hampshire, | | 16, | 17, | 18 | Northern New York, | 62, 63, 64, | 65 |
| Texas, | | | | 19 | South Carolina, | 66, 67, | 68 |
| Maine, | | 20, | 21, | 22 | California, | | 69 |
| Mississippi, | | 23, | 24, | 25 | Rhode Island, | 70, 71, | 72 |
| Georgia, | | 26, | 27, | 28 | North Carolina, | 73, 74, | 75 |
| Arkansas, | | | | 29 | Alabama, | 76, 77, | 78 |
| Connecticut, | | 30, | 31, | 32 | Florida, | | 79 |
| Kentucky, | | 33, | 34, | 35 | Delaware, | 80, 81, | 82 |
| New Jersey, | | 36, | 37, | 38 | Tennessee, | 83, 84, | 85 |
| District of Columbia, | | 39, | 40, | 41 | Virginia, | 86, 87, 88, | 89 |
| Wisconsin, | | 42, | 43, | 44 | Illinois, | 90, 91, | 92 |
| Pennsylvania, | 45, | 46, | 47, | 48 | Massachusetts, | 93, 94, 95, | 96 |
| Louisiana, | | 49, | 50, | 51 | Iowa, | 97, 98, | 99 |

EDMUND P. HUNTER,
OLIVER DUFOUR,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted, and the members named therein were admitted to their seats:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives as in form and duly authenticated, and that the Representatives named are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. James Young, | Maryland. |
| P. G. M. Timothy Ingraham, | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. R. James W. Hale, | Southern New York. |
| P. G. William English, | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. M. John W. Hodgson, | District of Columbia. |
| P. G. Charles F. Wilstack,<br>P. G. Daniel Humphrey, for balance of term, | Ohio. |
| P. G. George W. Race, | Louisiana. |
| P. G. Joseph N. Taylor, | New Jersey |
| P. G. Charles Wolford, | Kentucky. |
| P. G. M. John R. Edmonds, | Virginia. |
| P. G. P. A. Hackleman, | Indiana. |
| P. G. M. N. G. Bryson, | Mississippi. |
| P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch<br>P. G. Samuel H. Bailey, vice Green, | Missouri. |
| P. G. R. H. L. Rucker, | Illinois. |

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| P. G. M. Anson Jones, | Texas. |
| P. G. Samuel Bishop, vice Lynes, | Connecticut. |
| P. G. George W. Benedict, | |
| P. G. M. Peter Della Torre, | South Carolina. |
| P. G. M. George W. Day, | Tennessee. |
| P. G. M. Woodruff, | Georgia. |
| P. G. M. William R. Smith, | Maine. |
| P. G. Charles H. Denison, | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter, | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. Asher S. Kellogg, | Michigan. |
| P. G. M. Consider A. Stacy, vice Chester, | |
| P. G. Levi H. Kellogg, | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. E. J. Carpenter, | Vermont. |
| P. G. M. William H. Tuthill, | Iowa. |
| P. G. M. William Hopkins, | Northern New York. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. P. Richard Marley, | Maryland. |
| P. G. Peter B. Long, | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. P. Napoleon B. Mountfort, | Southern New York. |
| P. P. William G. Williams, | Ohio. |
| P. G. William Gilchrist, | New Jersey. |
| P. G. M. Edmund C. Robinson, | Virginia. |
| P. G. P. James M. Moore, | Kentucky. |
| P. G. Henry Steele, | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. C. Theod. Vennigerholz, | Mississippi. |
| P. G. M. Levin Jones, | District of Columbia. |
| P. C. P. R. H. Barry, | Tennessee. |
| P. H. P. Edward B. Lyman, | Alabama. |
| P. C. P. Schuyler Colfax, | Indiana. |
| P. G. R. Jacob P. Chapman, | |
| P. C. P. Joseph E. Hyde, | Michigan. |
| P. G. M. Daniel Wilkinson, | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. M. Henry F. Askew, | Delaware. |
| P. G. Addison M. Smith, | Northern New York. |
| P. G. P. E. K. Woodward, | Missouri. |
| P. C. P. Joseph Bridgman, | Iowa. |

The committee will report on the remaining credentials so soon as they are enabled to examine conflicting claims.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
C. BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved a resolution, which, after having been modified to read as follows, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That P. G. M. William Ellison, of Massachusetts, be allowed to take a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, his certificate not having been forwarded, the rest of the delegation from Massachusetts having certified that he was duly elected

Pursuant to the order of installation of Grand Officers, the Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

The Grand Sire announced the following as the form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

The Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Hopkins.

The Deputy Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. Sires Kneass and Griffin.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect will be presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Griffin.

The Grand Treasurer elect by P. G. Sire Kneass and P. D. G. Sire Asher S. Kellogg.

P. G. M. WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, of South Carolina, Grand Sire elect, being now presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Hopkins at the foot of the chair, was qualified by the M. W. G. Sire, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. HORACE A. MANCHESTER, of Rhode Island, Deputy Grand Sire elect, was then presented by P. G. Sires Kneass and Griffin, qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was then presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Griffin, qualified by the Grand Sire, and conducted to his seat.

P. G. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, Grand Treasurer elect, was then presented by P. G. Sire Kneass and P. D. G. S. Asher S. Kellogg, qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

The Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

P. G. M. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of Connecticut, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
G. M. JAMES M. CASSADY, of New Jersey, R. W. Grand Marshal.
P. G. SOLOMON H. LEWYT, of Maryland, W. Grand Guardian.
P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, W. Grand Messenger.

These officers having been severally confirmed by the Grand Lodge, as required by the constitution, were presented by the Grand Marshal, qualified, and conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. G. Sire, WILLIAM W. MOORE, then submitted his final report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

BROTHERS: Since the last meeting of this Grand Lodge the experience of another year has further developed the popularity, resources, and efficiency of our beloved Order; and the results are the most gratifying, in enabling me to state, what has been substantially expressed on so many similar occasions, that the area of Odd Fellowship continues to expand, as well in territorial jurisdiction as in the enlargement of its membership and the increase of its revenue. With the accessions of the past year, our Lodges must now have enrolled but little less than two hundred and thirty thousand contributing members. and have under their control, applicable to beneficent purposes, an annual income approximating a million and a half of dollars. But, flat-

tering as are these evidences of uninterrupted prosperity, they are even less impressive, as a source of mutual congratulation, than the all-pervading influence among the Brotherhood of those ennobling sentiments upon which our Order was founded, and the unceasing predominance of which, during a series of so many years, gives the strongest assurance of the stability of our institution and the wisdom of its organization.

In the encouraging success thus bestowed upon our labors we have abundant cause for a renewed expression of our gratitude to that Supreme Being to whom we are indebted for all earthly good.

Of the incidents occurring during the recess, immediately connected with my official duties, which the organic law requires me to report to your body, I respectfully state, that, in pursuance of your enactment of last session, a Grand Lodge has been established in the Territory of Minnesota, the warrant for which was issued on the 3d of November last, and the Grand Lodge duly instituted at Saint Paul on the 5th of May, by P. G. M. John G. Potts, the very able and efficient D. D. G. Sire for that Territory.

A Grand Lodge has also been established in California. It is within the knowledge of most if not all the Representatives here assembled, that at the last session it became known to this body that the Order in California was in a lamentably unsettled condition, owing chiefly, as was believed, to the absence from the State of the brothers who had, from time to time, been entrusted with its supervision. This information induced the Executive, immediately after the adjournment, to take measures to place the Order in that distant country under a more vigorous administration. The main difficulty in a region so remote, where the qualifications, pursuits, and fixedness of residence of members were so little known, was in the selection of a proper agent to represent our authority, and infuse method and consistency into the mass of material which existed in a more or less deranged condition—a condition in which it had been involved from no fault of its own, but for want of the supervision and instruction which it was the duty of this parent body to afford. In the towns and settlements there were numbers of brothers, imperfectly organized, who were acting in concert, and discharging all the humane duties peculiar to our fraternity with an alacrity and a liberality that would have conferred credit on the most flourishing jurisdiction. They had, besides, obtained from the State Legislature an act of incorporation for a Grand Lodge, in anticipation of a favorable response to their petition for a charter which was laid before the last session, and had subscribed a large fund towards the erection of an appropriate hall in their metropolitan city. But, notwithstanding this energetic exhibition of unwavering attachment to the Order, their organization was delayed and their advancement impeded for the want of efficient government. This condition of things rendering it indispensable that the services of an experienced brother should be secured in the position of D. D. G. Sire for the State, the Executive caused a commission to be forwarded to P. G. M. Samuel H. Parker, well known to possess the highest qualifications for the office, as well by his recent service in New Hampshire and in this Grand Lodge, as from his energy

of character and the interest he had evinced for the general welfare of the Order. Brother Parker promptly accepted the office, and entered at once upon its duties. One Lodge at San Francisco and one at Sacramento were found to be working under legal warrants, and five other Lodges were working under informal dispensations, irregularly granted by D. D. G. Sires. All these Lodges, however, were soon clothed with lawful authority, and having afterwards held a convention and petitioned for a Grand Lodge, a dispensation therefor was issued, and the Grand Lodge duly instituted at San Francisco on the 17th of May last, by D. D. G. Sire Parker. Thus was established the first Grand Lodge on the Pacific, which we have every reason to believe will prove an invaluable auxiliary in spreading the benign influences of Odd Fellowship in that new and rapidly-growing country. At the latest accounts from thence the best spirit prevailed amongst the fraternity, and the affairs of the Order wore the most promising aspect. Already the new Grand Lodge had chartered and instituted eight additional Lodges; and there were in successful operation, under the authority of your Executive, two Encampments of the Patriarchal Order. For this desirable improvement the Executive and the Order generally are greatly indebted to the distinguished brother, who, regardless of his personal convenience, so readily consented to apply himself to the arduous duties of the station which was so unceremoniously imposed upon him.

Our noble institution, following the track of settlement and civilization, has also been introduced under favorable auspices into the distant Territory of Oregon. On the 6th of December last, Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Salem, by D. D. G. Sire E. M. Barnum, and on the ensuing 8th of April, the same officer instituted Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, at Portland. Both these Lodges were authorized by warrants duly issued, and brother Barnum assures us that they are composed of the most estimable men, from whose discretion and influence the highest degree of success may be confidently expected in that Territory.

In the Territory of New Mexico one additional Lodge and one Encampment have been instituted, in pursuance of warrants issued to D. D. G. Sire Joseph D. Ellis. The warrant for Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, to be located at Sante Fe, was issued on the 8th of March last; and on the 18th of the same month a warrant was issued for Bugle Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Fort Union. This Lodge may be regarded as an experiment. The brother who headed the application for it is a worthy gentleman and soldier, an officer in the United States Army, every way deserving the confidence of his country and of this Order. He supposes that the establishment of Lodges in the Army, when regularly applied for, apportioning one to each company, battalion, or other division, would prove beneficial to the association, and at the same time be highly advantageous to the army, in promoting discipline and elevating the character of the soldier. His general views upon the subject are worthy of a liberal minded and enlightened philanthropist; but it is apprehended that his want of experience in the government of the Order caused him to overlook several weighty objections, having an important bearing on the success of the enterprise;

such, for instance, as that Lodges thus organized must necessarily be moveable; that they would be subject to the authority of no State Grand Lodge; that their fees and benefits must be nominal rather than a reality; and that in time of peace the constituent parts of the Army are not sufficiently concentrated to give support and efficiency to Lodges. They would, in fact, be a species of independent Lodges, subject only to the jurisdiction of the supreme body, and requiring to be governed by special legislation, which might come into conflict with the chartered privileges of the various State Grand Lodges. The letter disclosing the plan of our brother in the Army, together with the reply of the Grand Sire, are submitted for your consideration. In the mean time, it may be proper to remark that the main objections above suggested do not apply to Union Lodge, the warrant for which locates it at Fort Union; nor is it improbable that the operations of this Lodge will fairly test the practicability of our worthy brother's proposition.

At Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, the Order does not appear to be prosperous. Excelsior Lodge having petitioned to be put in possession of the moneys collected in the United States towards building a hall for the accommodation of that Lodge, and the Executive being without any law to guide it in the transfer of the fund, on account of the inapplicability to the case of the law of 1851, yielded to the request of the petitioners, and transferred the money to their own keeping. The amount sent was about sixteen hundred dollars, which was lying unavailable in our treasury. The petitioners stated that they could invest the money on very advantageous terms, and, being clearly entitled to the benefit of it, no hesitation was felt in committing it to their care, to be invested at their own risk, for the benefit of Excelsior Lodge.

In the State of Texas, during the recess, three additional Encampments have been instituted, viz: No. 4, at Washington, No. 5, at Austin, and No. 6, at Huntsville. The reports from this State represent that Odd Fellowship is constantly widening the field of its influence, and that its success within the year has surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine. Several new Lodges have been established by the State Grand Lodge. P. G. M. Anson Jones is the present D. D. Grand Sire, and has been unremitting in the discharge of his duties.

The other States and Territories of the Union being under the supervision of State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the reports of those bodies, respectively, will disclose the business and advancement of the Order in their several jurisdictions.

From the Province of Canada we have intelligence which might, at the first view, be considered unfavorable to the prosperity of the Order in British North America. The Grand Sire does not so regard it. Since the introduction, ten years ago, of the American Order into Canada, there have existed in that Province two associations bearing the name of Odd Fellows—one of which is known as the "Canadian Order," recognising the work and authority of the Manchester Unity of Great Britain, and the other is there designated by the title of the "American Order," working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The business operations of these two associations, as you all know, are entirely distinct, there being no fellowship between them as organized societies; yet each, in its turn, so far as these Canadian branches are concerned, and with the consent and approval of their respective parent bodies, have tried the experiment of a quasi independent organization. In this experiment each has signally failed. The independent organization of the Canadian Order was of very brief duration. That of the American Order, established under the title of the Grand Lodge of British North America at the session of 1846, continued in being until some time last spring, when it appears to have suddenly suspended its functions, without, so far as we are advised, having any reasonable excuse for so inconsiderate a procedure. About the same time, several Subordinate Lodges located at Montreal, which was the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, followed its baleful example, by disbanding themselves. These illegal and injudicious acts, however, did not affect the Order in other localities not immediately surrounded by the influence of the Grand Lodge. With a devotion to the cause of Odd Fellowship deserving the highest commendation, these Lodges forthwith met in Convention and resolved to return to the guardianship of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Their application to be admitted was received the 23d of June, accompanied by the minutes of their proceedings, by which your Executive was first apprized of the condition of the Order in British America. Of the entire accuracy of the statements contained in these communications there existed no doubt. They were confirmed in the course of a few days by similar intelligence received from other quarters. Your Executive, however, considering the friendly relations that subsisted between the two jurisdictions, and in view of the duties of the Grand Officers of British America, still hoped to receive from them an official communication, surrendering the authority which had been conferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States. It was therefore determined that we would not render ourselves liable to the imputation of having improperly invaded that jurisdiction; and a letter was addressed to the Subordinate Lodges advising them not to dissolve their organization, and promising them charters as soon as they could with propriety be granted. At the same time a letter was addressed to the Grand Sire of British America, informing him of the nature of our advices from his jurisdiction, and soliciting a communication from him, that we might be relieved from embarrassment in acting upon the petition of his subordinates. To this letter no reply has been received. The Grand Sire awaited an answer for the space of a month, and then again addressed the Subordinate Lodges, instructing them that the incapacity of a Grand Lodge, the nonusance of its powers, or its voluntary dissolution, did not dissolve its subordinates, and that on the occurrence of either of these events the subordinates reverted to the original jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. They were consequently authorized to continue their work and make returns to this Grand Lodge. All the correspondence on the subject is herewith submitted, clearly disclosing that the Grand Lodge of British North

America has abandoned the duties confided to it, and that, on account of its singular deficiency in energy, its dissolution is hailed by its membership as an auspicious event rather than a misfortune. A special mission to that jurisdiction may be necessary to re-organize and instruct the existing Lodges. At all events, no time should be lost in placing them in the same condition as the Lodges in the United States, that they may be enabled to erect Provincial Grand Lodges whenever their interests shall seem to demand them.

Experience has demonstrated the impolicy of attempting to erect "independent sovereignties" in Odd-Fellowship. The impossibility of agreement in all things between two actual sovereignties was conclusively demonstrated by the former inharmonious connexion between the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Manchester Unity of Great Britain, and the impracticability of a quasi sovereignty has been as clearly shown in the experiment of the Grand Lodge of British North America. That Grand Lodge, though denominated a distinct sovereignty, did not possess any substantial power that is not conferred upon the State Grand Lodges. It simply had control of the local affairs of the Order in British North America, including the power of dividing that large extent of territory into provincial jurisdictions. Being itself necessarily restrained from legislating in reference to the work of the Order, (which forms the basis of nearly all our general laws,) and having delegated the appropriate powers to the Provincial Grand Lodges of its own creation, this independent body had nothing left for it to do, except as an appellate body, and, as a matter of course, it became a nonentity. If it had maintained the character of a Provincial Grand Lodge, and as such continued to exercise its privileges in this body, participating in its legislation and having a voice in the enactment of its laws, its own action would have been as vigorous and its existence as permanent as any of our State Grand Lodges. But all these important privileges were surrendered for a visionary experiment, the unfortunate results of which should serve as a warning for the future.

The report of the distinguished brother who has so long and so ably filled the station of Grand Secretary will present a just view of the condition of the finances of this Grand Lodge. In pursuance of your resolution of last session, directing its surplus funds to be invested in six per cent. securities, the Grand Sire advised and consented to their investment in stocks of the State of Maryland, bearing that rate of interest, for which a premium of about eight per cent. was paid. At that time all good securities commanded a high price in the money market, and the stock selected, I am happy to say, has not since depreciated in value.

During the recess, a number of questions touching the laws and practice of the Order have been submitted to and decided by the Grand Sire. Only a few of them, however, are of such a nature as requires them to be included in this report. The following appear to be of this class:

1. That a Grand Representative, duly elected and commissioned, who fails to take his seat in this body at the first session of his term, does not, for that reason, under the laws of this Grand Lodge, forfeit his right to a seat at a subsequent session, his credentials being good for two years. He may, nevertheless, be arraigned and removed for neglect of duty, by his own Grand Lodge, if its penal laws shall so provide.

2. That the Grand Officers of State Grand Lodges, when visiting the Subordinate Lodges under their own jurisdiction, should give at the outside door the same password that is required of other brothers. Our laws make no distinction in this respect, nor could any distinction be made with propriety, for the reason that it is impossible for the Grand Officers to become personally known to the entire Brotherhood of any State jurisdiction.

3. That a District Deputy Grand Sire, in absenting himself temporarily from his jurisdiction, has authority to appoint a qualified brother or brothers to install the officers of Lodges and Encampments during his necessary absence; (see form of commission for D. D. Grand Sire.) But that, if the officers of any Lodge or Encampment should be regularly installed by any qualified brother who had not been thus appointed by the District Deputy Grand Sire, such installation would be legal and valid. Installations may be legally made by other persons than District Deputy Grand Sires, and no legal installation can be vitiated. If a brother, deputed to install officers, should fail to attend, the ceremony, rather than be deferred, should be performed by a qualified member in attendance. If the brother deputed should present himself, and his authority be disregarded by a Lodge, then the District Deputy Grand Sire has his remedy in arraigning the Lodge for misconduct.

4. That pending a decision on the granting of a withdrawal card, charges may be preferred against the brother making application therefor; and that, under such circumstances, the vote on granting the card should not be taken until the charges be withdrawn or a trial be had upon them.

5. That any person who, being at the time in good standing, shall have withdrawn from the Order by a written resignation, may be re-admitted as an ancient Odd-Fellow, provided he first pass a satisfactory examination in the work; and if he fail to pass a thorough examination, then he can be re-admitted only by initiation.

A question of some interest has been presented during the recess, growing out of the enactments of this Grand Lodge relating to suspended members. The law originally provided that "the suspension of membership as a means of punishment worked no suspension of *arrears*, but that the arrears ran on during the time of suspension." In a report relating to another subject, which was adopted in 1849, the phrase was used that "every Lodge holds its members undergoing punishment responsible for *dues* and unworthy conduct during such disability." And at the session of 1850 the question was proposed whether a "brother suspended for non-payment of dues is suspended

as a means of punishment?" to which question the Committee on the State of the Order replied affirmatively, in a report that was adopted by the Grand Lodge. The effect of these decisions was the enactment of a law by which brothers under suspension for non-payment of dues are required to pay the same dues during such disability as if they were in good standing, whereby their indebtedness is constantly augmented, whilst they are denied the enjoyment of any of the privileges or benefits of the Order. It is not now the purpose of the Grand Sire to discuss the expediency of this law. He merely invites attention to the fact that in some jurisdictions it has been misapplied, as he thinks, in charging up dues since the year 1850 against members who were suspended anterior to either of the decisions above cited, thus very materially changing their responsibilities and relations to the Order; and to the further fact, that in the case of all such brothers, as well as of many others who have been suspended since 1850, their restoration to full membership is almost hopeless, as they can only be restored upon the payment of arrears that would in most cases exceed the aggregate cost of initiation and advancement to all the degrees. This law, which is not understood or enforced in all the States, requires some modification. By its provisions suspension has become the severest penalty imposed by our code. Expulsion very properly severs a member's connexion with the Order, and at once releases him from all moral and pecuniary responsibility to it, whilst it places him in a position that will permit his reinstatement whenever he shall merit and desire it. The reverse is the case as regards brothers under suspension. They are held accountable, both morally and pecuniarily, and yet, in consequence of their daily-increasing indebtedness, many are excluded from full membership on account of their inability to meet the requirements of the present law. It is respectfully submitted whether this class of brothers might not be admitted as ancient Odd-Fellows, by the payment of their indebtedness at the time of suspension, in addition to such fee as the local law might impose.

Another subject of general interest has been brought to the notice of the Grand Sire, viz: To what extent a brother afflicted with lunacy should be supported by his Lodge? This class of unfortunates seem to be rapidly increasing in numbers, although our Lodges, thus far, have been burdened with only two or three cases. It is argued that confirmed lunacy is a disability not contemplated by our beneficial regulations, and that, as the brothers of this Order are taxed equally with other citizens for the maintenance of State institutions to take charge of this description of persons, the burden of supporting such of them as are members should not devolve exclusively on the Order, whose duty will have been discharged by taking care of them so long as there is reasonable hope of their recovery, or until they are received into public asylums. This question, affecting as it does the regulation of the benefits of Subordinate Lodges, does not appear to demand any other legislation on the part of this body than an expression of opinion as to their duties in the premises.

Accompanying this report I present another, relating to an interesting subject, that requires special consideration.

The report of the Grand Secretary will inform you of other ministerial acts which it is not necessary here to repeat, leaving to the Grand Sire nothing to add, except the melancholy announcement that during the recess the Order has been called upon to mourn the death of P. G. M. JOHN CHESTER, of Michigan, and P. G. WILLIAM MATHEWS, of Kentucky, two valuable members of this Grand Lodge, whom it has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from among us. As good men, faithful to the duties of citizens and honored for their devotion to the Order, the deceased are sincerely lamented by large circles of brothers and friends, to whom their estimable qualities had warmly commended them.

In conclusion, I trust that, without being deemed intrusive, I may be permitted to second those wise admonitions that have from time to time emanated from my worthy and more venerable predecessors, invoking you to hold fast to the landmarks of Odd-Fellowship, as embodied in our system by the patriarchs who introduced and adapted the Order to this country. From the elevated position occupied by its chief officer, I must have been blind not to have observed and appreciated the immense amount of good, forming, as it were, an epoch in the annals of benevolence, which the Order has effected throughout the broad extent of our land; and I should have been equally obtuse not to have discovered the admirable system by which the operations of a quarter of a million of men, voluntarily banded together, and extending over the almost illimitable territories of our national inheritance, are regulated and controlled by the same beautiful harmony as the few hundreds who were originally congregated within the limits of two or three incorporated cities. Whilst these facts bear such irresistible testimony to the simplicity and comprehensiveness of our plan of government, it could not be regarded otherwise than as an unfavorable augury if the brethren of this Order should, to any considerable extent, become infected with that restless spirit of the age, so prevalent in regard to many other things, which, seeming to overlook the present liability to error, is peculiarly characterized by its irreverence of the past. I sincerely trust that such a spirit may never enter our halls. I trust that our brethren, one and all, whilst wisely acknowledging the great law that went forth from Everlasting, the law of a continued march from excellence to perfection, may never mistake innovation for improvement, never regard mere change as reform, but be ever content with that true and safe progress which keeps its eye upon the future and its foot upon the past.

And now, my brothers, I have at one and the same time both a painful and an agreeable duty to perform—painful, in retiring from a body with which I have been connected for so many years, and at whose hands I have received favors for which I can make no adequate return; and agreeable, not only because I am so soon to be relieved from the weight of heavy official responsibilities, but because, through your truly fortunate selection, I shall have the pleasure of investing with these official robes a brother whose profound judgment and sound discretion, as manifested in all his acts here, recommends him to my un-

limited confidence. In discharging this last official act, it would be doing violence to my own feelings were I to refrain from expressing my grateful sense of the various honors which have been most undeservedly conferred upon me. It does not become me to say that I have done all that any other in my place could have done, but I can truthfully say that I have left nothing undone which my sense of right and propriety prompted me to perform. If I have failed in any duty, or, in the discharge of my duties, have said or done aught to wound the feelings of any brother, I trust that I may be pardoned, and the unintentional act be buried in oblivion. That my deservedly esteemed successor, and each and every one of you, my brothers, may long enjoy the highest honors that can be conferred by our Order, and that it may go on increasing in numbers and usefulness until its principles and its benevolence are as wide-spread as the human race, is, and shall ever be, the sincere prayer of my heart to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

WM. W. MOORE, *Grand Sire.*

The final report of the Grand Sire having been read, he proclaimed the ceremony of installation closed, and the officers elect duly inducted into their respective offices in ample form; whereupon,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURÈ, the M. W. G. Sire, was conducted to the chair by the retiring Grand Sire, and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

The solemn obligation, my brothers, but now taken; the impressive forms of the installation just finished; the abandonment of the chair by a faithful and tried servant in Odd Fellowship, all tell that to new and untried counsels the interests of the Order have been entrusted. Sensitive to the importance of the trust, the attention of the whole Brotherhood, hither directed, seek to learn the sentiments of him by whom that duty will be discharged. Deeply impressed with the magnitude of the responsibility I have assumed; conscious that the mightiest charity of the world, an administration of which the proudest of earth's potentates may justly be proud, has been confided to me; and earnestly mindful of the obligation assumed before you, Representatives, it shall be my endeavor so to discharge the high trusts which you have placed in me as to diffuse through the mighty masses of our Order that charity which never faileth.

Yet not alone, Representatives, to the new administration is this interest attached. To your legislation the great heart of the Order must throb responsive. It is yours to direct—its to obey your dictations. Yourselves, at once the rulers and the ruled—the legislators and the obedient servants of the law, chosen from the talent, the character, and the probity of the Brotherhood—all insure no legislation save that which yourselves are willing to abide, while to myself it insures a co-operation in, and I may with confidence look to you for support in, the discharge of my duties. Struggling from a painful and feeble birth, the once derided Order of Odd Fellows has grown into a benevolence grand in its scale as is the Republic in which it first assumed its pure

purposes. Cradled among a people whose motto is onward—imbibing from its infancy the energy with which it was surrounded—unswathed from prejudices and untrammelled by political despotism, it has stretched from the frozen regions of the North to the sunniest climes of the South. The boisterous lashings of the Atlantic mingle with its morning orisons, while the gentle roll of the Pacific harmonizes with its evening hymns. An association such as earth never before beheld is confided, Representatives, to you. As the custodians of its unity, the watchwords of our Order are at once emblematic and directory of the manner in which it behooves you to bind together this noble charity. Spared by an all-wise and all-seeing Power, at the allotted period of three-score years and ten, the parent of American Odd Fellowship remains the sole surviving witness of its birth—if by reason of strength they be four-score years, be it yours, his brethren, that they be spared from labor and sorrow.

Representatives, may your counsels be so guided by that Supreme Ruler who has planted in the hearts of mankind the seed whence this fruit has sprung, that, resting from your labor, you may behold peace, harmony, and unity as their resul

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge will meet daily at 9 o'clock A. M., take a recess for half an hour at 12 o'clock M., and adjourn at half-past 3 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the W. Grand Secretary cause fifteen hundred copies of the daily journal to be printed, and to place one copy thereof upon the desk of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger have placed daily on the desk of each Representative fourteen copies of the printed proceedings, in wrappers, in form for mailing, and that he be hereby authorized to pay the postage on all documents which may be placed in his hands printed by the authority of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be and is hereby instructed to place upon the desk of each Officer and Representative of this Grand Lodge, one copy of Cushing's Manual, also one copy of the Digest of the Laws of the Order, and the same shall continue to be the property of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned respectfully submits the usual Annual Report of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary. The duties charged upon him during the recess are embraced in the subjoined resolutions·

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge diploma to each Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.—*Journal* 1852, *page* 1837.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the respective jurisdictions, with the printed proceedings of this session, the third volume of the printed Journal due the Representatives of those jurisdictions, if the same be practicable.—*Ibid*, 1938.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is prohibited from making payment for the printing of the revised Journal of the present session until the same shall be complete and delivered in comformity with the contract accompanying this report.

4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to publish an advertisement in one daily newspaper in the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Cincinnati, inviting proposals for the printing of this body, as follows:

For composition—plain, figure work, and rule and figure work, per 1,000 ems; including the furnishing of stereotype plates, of size uniform with the Journal of proceedings, from new type.

Press work, per token, of 16 octavo pages, for the printing of 8,000 copies; also, price for additional copies, per token.

Folding, stitching, and trimming, in good paper covers, per 100 copies.

Also, for printing odes, as now required. Specimens of paper, with prices marked thereon, to accompany each proposition.—*Ibid*, 1922, 1957.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, be and he is hereby authorized to procure a new seal and press for the use of his office.

6. *Resolved*, That the debts due and outstanding for several years from the District Deputy Grand Sires and other persons, now appearing upon the books of the Grand Secretary and comprehended in Schedule A, reported at the last session, be and the same are hereby referred to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, with instructions, in their discretion, to adjust the same upon such terms, by compromise or otherwise, as will best promote the interest of this Grand Lodge.—*Ibid*, 1930, 1958.

7. *Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of printing and publishing an edition of the work for Subordinate Lodges, and also of the degree of Rebekah, in the French, Spanish, and German languages, or a proportionate amount for either of said languages, should the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be satisfied with the correctness of the translations; provided, nevertheless, that the expense beyond six hundred dollars for translating and publishing the foregoing in those languages be borne by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or such Grand Lodges as shall deem it for their interest to join therein; and also provided that the copyright and exclusive right to the sale of such books shall enure to and remain in this Grand Lodge.

8. *Resolved*, That upon the publication of the said work and degree of Rebekah in the said languages, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to sell the same to such Grand Lodges in good standing as apply therefor, at a cost not exceeding two dollars per volume.

9. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to have the printing and publishing of the above work executed in Louisiana, and that the Grand Representatives of that jurisdiction be appointed a committee of this body to supervise the printing and publishing of the same.—*Ibid*, 1933, 1960.

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have the desks and chairs used by the Representatives forwarded to the place of holding the next communication of this Grand Lodge.—*Ibid*, 1965.

11. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the work in the French language translated and printed as soon as practicable, and transmitted to State Grand Bodies who apply for it, at an expense not to exceed the amount charged for the work in the English language.—*Ibid*, 1966.

12. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have the forms of installation in the Grand Encampment printed with the recent corrections.—*Secret Journal, page* 42.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and hereby is directed to forward a copy of this report, together with the action of this Grand Lodge thereon, to the Central Corresponding Delegate Committee of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England, and inform the said committee that his office is the appropriate channel through which they can approach this Grand Lodge, as also of our high appreciation of their kindness in relieving the necessities of a member of this jurisdiction.

The first resolution has been complied with.

The second resolution has been complied with, and it is believed that the third volume of the Revised Journal has reached in safety the respective Representatives to whom it was due.

The Revised Journal of the last session was delivered to the undersigned within the period prescribed by the contract entered into by the Committee on Printing, and its manner of execution in conformity with the contract being approved by the Grand Sire, payment was made for the same, under the direction of the third resolution. Immediately upon its receipt, it was promptly dispatched to the Grand Officers and Representatives, and several State jurisdictions, in the manner prescribed by law.

In obedience to the fourth resolution, proposals for the printing of the Grand Lodge were invited by advertisement in one daily newspaper published in the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Cincinnati, a copy of each of which accompanies this report. The bids received are herewith presented.

The undersigned, as authorized by the fifth resolution, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, entered into a contract with Edward Stabler, of Sandy Springs, Montgomery county, Maryland, for a new seal and press, for the use of his office. The work has not yet been completed, but is confidently expected to be received during the session.

The undersigned, soon after the close of the last session, addressed a letter to each of the P. D. D. G. Sires and other persons appearing upon the books of his office as debtors to the Grand Lodge of the United States, inviting their attention to the liberal terms of compromise proposed by the sixth resolution. I regret to say that in but few instances has any respect whatever been paid to this invitation. Propositions for compromise have been received from some of the delinquents, which have been acceded to, as the best terms which could be obtained, and are herewith reported. The further disposition of this subject is referred to the Grand Lodge. The amount due is considerable, and as a matter of principle ought not to be abandoned.

The translation of the work in the foreign language, submitted by the Representatives of Louisiana at the last session, having been approved, the supervision of this work was committed to that delegation, as directed by the seventh, eighth, and ninth resolutions. No advice has yet been received as to the progress of the work.

The tenth resolution has been complied with.

The execution of the eleventh resolution has been rendered impracticable, by reason of the non-receipt of the work in the French language.

The twelfth and thirteenth resolutions have been complied with.

The following abstract, from the correspondence of this office during the past year, will present an analysis of the condition and progress of the Order.

*British North America.*—I regret to report that the Grand Lodge of British North America has virtually ceased to exist. Information to this effect first reached this office through several of the Subordinates to that jurisdiction, from whom an application was received to be restored to the United States' jurisdiction. It appears that the demise of this Grand Body was not superinduced by any want of health or prosperity on the part of the Subordinates, many of which, notwithstanding the neglect and total apathy of the Grand Lodge, have for a long time continued to flourish, and still maintain a prosperous existence. The circumstances of the dissolution of this Grand Body, as far as they have reached the undersigned, indicate an entire abandonment of the obligations which the charter received from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the charges and general work of the Order, imposed upon the constituted authority of that jurisdiction. Several of the Subordinate Lodges have divided their funds and disbanded, and no care whatever has been taken to collect the books, implements, and work of the Order, which in all probability are now scattered adrift throughout that country. Amidst this state of things, several Lodges of the jurisdiction resolved not to disband, but again to place themselves under the protection of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for which object they have addressed several communications to the undersigned, which are herewith submitted for your consideration. In the meanwhile this subject has had the earnest attention of the Grand Sire, who will communicate the result of his efforts in the premises.

In connexion with the state of Odd-Fellowship in the Canadas, several interesting communications have also been received, which will doubtless be submitted by the M. W. Grand Sire. The importance of the subject to which they refer entitle them to your early and favorable attention.

*Michigan.*—From this State I have had the most gratifying information during the year of the continued prosperity of the Order. The increase of Lodges has been three, during the year.

*Vermont.*—The Encampment branch in this State continues to languish, but the Grand Lodge jurisdiction is in a healthy and increasing condition, now numbering thirty Subordinates.

*Maine.*—I have had no special intelligence from this State during the year, but feel assured that the favorable adjustment made by the Grand Lodge of its account with the Grand Lodge of the United States has served to revive the efforts of the brotherhood in that jurisdiction in behalf of the Order. Since preparing the above, and upon the eve of going to press with this report, I have received the following grati-

fying intelligence from Grand Rep. C. C. Harmon, of Maine: "In anticipation of the preparation of your annual statement to the Grand Lodge, I have the pleasure to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Maine has now in its treasury funds, which will be transmitted through its Representatives, sufficient to meet its representative tax of the present year, to meet the note falling due this year, to pay the whole amount of interest due on the notes, and to take up one if not two notes in advance. This gratifying result is mainly attributable to the indulgence granted last year by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The consciousness that the indebtedness of this State Grand Lodge was finally adjusted to a practical shape, in which it might be met, has given an impetus to the financial condition of the whole Order in this jurisdiction."

*Massachusetts.*—The Order occupies a highly respectable position in this commonwealth, and, if not increasing, maintains its usual strength.

*New Hampshire.*—I learn from G. P. T. G. Senter, of this State, "that there are seven Encampments in this State, all able to sustain themselves, and the Lodges mostly in a healthy condition."

*Rhode Island.*—Odd-Fellowship is highly prosperous in Rhode Island.

*Connecticut.*—The efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. Lucius F. Thomas, gives assurance that our Order continues to advance in the State.

*New York.*—The non-receipt of the annual reports from the two Grand Lodges of this State prevents me from giving any reliable account of the condition of the Order; although the quantity of supplies required in both jurisdictions during the year indicate that the Order continues to grow in that State.

*Pennsylvania.*—The annual report from this extensive jurisdiction has been transmitted by Grand Secretary Curtis, with his usual promptness, and exhibits a spectacle of Odd-Fellowship of the most gratifying character. The number of initiations during the year have been over four thousand, and the aggregate revenue of the Lodges has reached one hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars. The present number of Lodges is 494, with a contributing membership of forty-four thousand. The Encampment branch is equally prosperous.

*New Jersey.*—The Order is in the highest degree prosperous in this jurisdiction.

*Delaware.*—In no part of our jurisdiction is Odd-Fellowship in a more healthful and growing condition than in the State of Delaware.

*Maryland.*—The Order in this jurisdiction advances rapidly. It occupies every considerable town or village in the State, and has increased in Lodges and membership largely during the past year.

*District of Columbia.*—The annual report of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment has been received, and indicate a healthy condition of the Order in both branches.

*Virginia.*—The efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction writes that "the Order is steadily progressing in Virginia, and working its way into the good opinion of the best men of that community. The report of the Grand Encampment has been received, showing the organization of two new camps during the year.

*North Carolina.*—As far as I have advices from this State the Order is prosperous.

*South Carolina.*—Grand Secretary Gyles, of this jurisdiction, has made, with his accustomed promptness, the annual report of the State of South Carolina. The Order has made some increase during the year, and continues to occupy an elevated position in that community.

*Georgia.*—The Order in Georgia remains in a healthy condition in both branches.

*Florida.*—Odd-Fellowship in this State, although confined to a few principal points, is steadily on the increase and highly prosperous.

*Mississippi.*—Grand Secretary Dicks, long one of the most valued correspondents of this office, advises me that "the Order is gradually on the increase in Mississippi." Two new Lodges have been organized since the last annual report, and all are working harmoniously.

*Alabama.*—From the annual report of this jurisdiction a high degree of prosperity in the Order is clearly indicated.

*Louisiana.*—Odd-Fellowship continues its onward march in this rapidly accumulating jurisdiction. It is truly gratifying to contrast the brilliant spectacle which our beloved Order now presents in that enlightened community with its former difficult and embarrassed circumstances.

*Missouri.*—The ever prompt Grand Secretary, Bro. Veitch, advises me of the uninterrupted prosperity and harmony of the Order in that jurisdiction. "In nearly all our principal towns," he remarks, "successful efforts have been made to erect permanent halls for the Lodges."

*Illinois.*—The demand for supplies in this jurisdiction, in the absence of other information, leaves no doubt of the rapid increase of the Order in the State.

*Indiana.*—Indiana has during the past year performed her whole duty in the cause of Odd-Fellowship. Sixteen hundred new members have been acquired in that State, and eighteen new Lodges formed. The Encampment branch has been equally prosperous.

*Ohio.*—Under date of August 8, 1853, Bro. Alexander E. Glenn, the valued Grand Secretary of Ohio, transmits the annual report of the Grand Lodge, in which he remarks: "In transmitting these reports, it affords me pleasure to assure you that Odd-Fellowship in Ohio continues in a state of uninterrupted harmony and prosperity. Our increase, during the year, has been twenty-two Lodges and about two thousand members. Peace and brotherly love prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and the mission of the Order is being fulfilled to its utmost

extent." The report of the Grand Encampment has also been received, which indicates a high degree of prosperity in that branch of the Order.

*Kentucky.*—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of this State has been received, which shows an increase during the year of twelve Lodges, and of more than four hundred contributing members.

*Tennessee.*—I have had no special correspondence with this jurisdiction during the year. From visiting brethren I learn, however, that the Order is in the highest degree prosperous within the State.

*Arkansas.*—Our brethren in this State have had the misfortune, during the past year, to have met with a serious loss by fire, and to have been subjected to much embarrassment as a consequence. The hall of Far West Lodge, No. 1, in which the Grand Lodge and Arkansas Encampment met, was burned on the morning of the 5th February last, and every thing in the way of books, regalia, and furniture was lost. The Grand Lodge charter was also destroyed, but the seal and record books were saved. A duplicate of the Grand Lodge charter was promptly forwarded to James M. Danley, R. W. Grand Secretary, upon receipt of the above information. The loss of the Order from this calamity was $1,800, but it had in no wise the effect of depressing the energies of the brotherhood. The efficient D. D. Grand Sire writes us that notwithstanding the loss "they intend to keep the ball rolling." The reports of Encampments Nos. 1, 2, and 3, with their respective dues, have been received from D. D. G. S. James M. Danley. The report of the Grand Lodge is not yet received. I herewith present an appeal from the decision of one of the Lodges of this State.

*Wisconsin.*—The annual report of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin shows that eight Subordinates are at work under that jurisdiction, with a reasonable degree of success. The work of the Grand Lodge department is highly prosperous.

*Iowa.*—The Grand Encampment of Iowa has reported nine working Encampments under its jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge continues to extend the Order throughout the State, and the accession in numbers and strength continues to be commensurate with the former growth of the Order. Increase of Lodges, during the year, eight.

*Texas.*—I have the pleasure of reporting, as I learn from an interview with the distinguished Grand Representative of this State, P. G. M. Anson Jones, that the Order is advancing rapidly in both branches, and that the utmost harmony and fellowship prevail. An application will be made for a Grand Encampment during the present session. Grand Secretary E. P. Hunt, of this jurisdiction, has been amongst the most valued correspondents of this office during the past year.

*Sandwich Islands.*—The semi-annual reports of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, up to December 31, 1852, have been received. The report due June 30, 1853, is not yet in hand. The whole number of contributing members appears by the last report to be thirty-seven. On the 30th April, 1853, a communication was received from Excelsior Lodge, in reply to a letter addressed to that body by the Correspond-

ing Secretary on 2d December, 1852, informing them of the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States at September Session, 1852, touching the "Honolulu Hall Fund." The Lodge, through a committee, replies that its position is misconceived by the resolution of 1851, directing "the application of the money to the payment of the debts of Excelsior Lodge incurred in erecting an Odd-Fellows' Hall," that Lodge having incurred no debt of that character, and that the amount would be totally inadequate for the purpose for which it is appropriated. They, in view of these circumstances, ask that the money may be invested by them at such a rate of interest as will enable them to pay, or nearly so, the rent of their lodge room. This communication was referred to the Grand Sire, from whom the undersigned received a reply dated May 3, 1853, "advising that the money referred to be committed to Excelsior Lodge of Honolulu, to be invested at its own risk, as suggested in their petition." Concurring in this advice, I caused the account of Excelsior Lodge to be settled, and deducting the amount due by it to the Grand Lodge of the United States for dues, to wit, $128.81, I remitted to the Lodge the entire balance of the whole fund in the Treasury on the 14th of May, 1853, viz. sixteen hundred dollars, by a draft from Adams & Co., Express Agents, that being the mode of transmission suggested by the Lodge; a duplicate of which draft, together with the communication from the Lodge, is herewith presented.

*Oregon.*—The report of the organization of Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, at Salem, Oregon, chartered during the last year, has been received. An application was also received for a charter for a Lodge at Portland, Oregon Territory, which, being in due form, has been granted, and the warrant transmitted to D. D. G. Sire E. M. Barnum, who has done, and is continuing to do, the Order good service in that distant jurisdiction.

*California.*—At the last session of the Grand Lodge an application was presented by the Subordinate Lodges of California for a Grand Lodge, which did not receive the favorable consideration of the Committee on Petitions, for the reasons set forth in their report. That report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. Immediately after information of this fact reached California a considerable disappointment and excitement manifested itself at the result. P. G. M. Samuel H. Parker, who had permanently established himself in that State, at the earnest wish of the Grand Sire, consented to accept the appointment of D. D. G. Sire, and took a deep interest in endeavoring to harmonize the dissatisfaction which very generally prevailed throughout the jurisdiction upon that subject. This distinguished brother, from time to time, advised the Grand Officers of the distracted state of the Order, growing out of the disappointment referred to, and urgently recommended that a Grand Charter should be granted during the recess. This recommendation was accompanied by an able and earnest vindication of the capacity of the brotherhood in the State to maintain such an organization, and of their right, in view of their numbers and strict

compliance, constitutionally to demand a Grand Charter. Every disposition existed, on the part of the Grand Officers, to gratify the request of the Lodges in California, but they found themselves powerless in the premises, by reason of the fact that the Grand Lodge of the United States itself had already decided the question adversely to their wishes, and the subject was therefore, so far as regarded our then position, fully adjudicated. The D. D. G. Sire was advised, however, that if a new application was presented to the Grand Officers from the Lodges known and recognised as in compliance, whose semi-annual returns had been regularly made, and whose dues had been fully paid, the Grand Officers would meet the question of granting a Grand Charter as a new one, but they could not, for a moment, consider an application which had been rejected by the Grand Lodge itself. In reply to this communication, it was urged that the great difficulty of assembling the Lodges again in convention, situate, as they were, at a great distance from each other, without facilities of intercommunication, and the high state of excitement which obtained, rendered such an attempt utterly hopeless. The Grand Officers could not, under any state of circumstances, change their position, founded, as it was, upon the law, and their obligations of duty to maintain it. The D. D. G. Sire was accordingly so advised, and with a view to save time, and to accelerate the organization of a Grand Body in this jurisdiction in a proper and constitutional manner, that officer was instructed to receive the reports and dues of the Subordinate Lodges, and to adjust their accounts with the Grand Lodge of the United States without delay; upon the satisfactory arrangement of which he was further authorized to receive a new application for a warrant, with power to institute a Grand Body, for which purpose a "*nunc pro tunc*" warrant was entrusted to him, as an officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This course was pursued, and resulted in a happy reconciliation of the difficulties in California, which at one time seriously threatened to disturb the general prosperity of the Order. Accordingly, D. D. G. Sire Samuel H. Parker, to whose great energy and prudence in directing the affairs of the Order successfully in California through this ordeal the Grand Lodge of the United States owes a lasting obligation, set about an entire reorganization of the Order within the jurisdiction, for which purpose he traversed the entire State. This faithful and indefatigable Brother, in the proper exercise of the powers of his office, reclaimed all the warrants which had been issued by unauthorized parties for the institution of Lodges in that State, and substituted new ones in their stead, obtained reports, settled all accounts of Lodges, instructed in the work, and, in fact, restored the general chaos which prevailed in Odd-Fellowship in that region to system, order, and subordination. As the happy fruit of the labors of this distinguished Brother it was his good fortune to assemble in convention at San Francisco a majority of the Lodges of the State on the 11th day of April, 1853, which body formally adopted a petition to the Grand Lodge of the United States for a Grand Lodge warrant, as required by the constitution and

laws. The petition was presented to the D. D. G. Sire, and, in virtue of the "*nunc pro tunc*" warrant transmitted to him, he proceeded to institute the Grand Lodge of California on the 17th day of May, 1853. From that officer, under date of June 15, 1853, I learn that the Order is now "going ahead in that great State, there then being eighteen Lodges and two Encampments in full work, and the third Encampment only waiting the presence of the D. D. G. Sire at Sacramento, to institute it." P. G. Mathew Purden has been elected Representative of the Grand Lodge of California, who will be present at the coming session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Minnesota.*—Under date of July 8, 1853, I am in receipt of intelligence of the state of the Order in Minnesota, from that veteran and ever-to-be-cherished officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts. Year after year it has been my pleasure to testify to the indefatigable exertions and intrepid zeal of this officer, in pushing to the extremest parts of the United States our beloved Order. Neither distance, climate, nor the personal dangers inseparable from traversing a new and sparsely settled country have for a moment interposed any obstacle to the discharge of his official duty. Having adjusted the accounts of all the Lodges in Minnesota with the Grand Lodge of the United States, D. D. G. Sire Potts, in virtue of power conferred by resolution of last session, page 1927 printed Journal, proceeded to organize a Grand Lodge for that jurisdiction on the 5th day of May, 1853. The Order is represented to be in a healthy condition in Minnesota.

*New Mexico.*—The semi-annual report of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, up to June 30, 1853, has been received. The report of Paradise Lodge is not yet in hand, although advices from D. D. G. Sire Ellis, of this jurisdiction, inform me that the dues of both Lodges are in his hands. The condition of the Order appears to be healthy in New Mexico.

An application was received on the 9th of March, 1853, for the establishment of a Lodge, to be located at Fort Union, in the Territory of New Mexico, which, being conformable to law, was granted, and the warrant given on the 14th of said month to D. D. G. Sire Ellis, for Bugle Lodge, No. 3, of New Mexico.

This application embarrassed the Grand Officers at first view, suggesting, as it did, a new experiment in Odd-Fellowship, and one of very doubtful expediency. The brethren subscribing the petition were all soldiers in the regular service of the United States, who had been initiated and advanced in Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of Santa Fe. The confidence reposed, however, by the Grand Officers in the character of Brevet Col. Horace Brooks, of the United States Army, who had originated the idea and taken the deepest interest in the movement, assured us that no detriment whatever could happen to the Order while in the keeping and under the direction of so distinguished and worthy a guide. The Grand Officers, without approving the experiment, however, did not hesitate to permit the brethren of that com-

munity to enter upon it, subject to the future decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The plan of organization proposed by Col. Brooks could not be authorized in conformity with existing laws, and the warrant was therefore of the ordinary character, for the permanent organization of the Lodge at Fort Union. The plan proposed was that Lodges composed of United States' soldiers should be company affairs, upon the theory that "each company is an element that remains united and constant wherever it may go." The charter to be issued in this particular case to Company D, 2d Artillery, to be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and distinct from State authority.

This, being the main or principle proposition submitted by the petition, requires the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The petition and accompanying able argument in behalf of the plan proposed by Bro. Col. Brooks are herewith submitted. The Lodge has been instituted under an ordinary warrant, and located at Fort Union, New Mexico. The first semi-annual report has been received, showing twenty-one members in good standing.

On the 7th of March, 1853, application was received for a charter for an Encampment to be located at Santa Fe. The application, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, was granted, and the warrant issued to D. D. Grand Sire Ellis.

Warrants have been issued during the year, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, as follows:

FOR GRAND LODGES.

Minnesota, at St. Paul.
California, at San Francisco.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Samaritan, No. 2, Portland, Oregon.
Bugle, No. 3, Fort Union, New Mexico.

FOR ENCAMPMENTS.

Encampment, No. 4, Washington, Texas.
Encampment, No. 1, Santa Fé, New Mexico.
Encampment, No. 5, Austin, Texas.
Encampment, No. 6, Huntsville, Texas.
Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, San Francisco.
Pacific Encampment, No. 2, Sacramento.
Parker Encampment, No. 3, Stockton.

These applications, together with the returns of the organization of the new bodies, are herewith presented.

As required by the several laws regulating this department, the following statement exhibits "the receipts of this office, from what source, and for what object," during the fiscal year 1852–53. A supplementary table will be submitted during the session, showing the further receipts of the Corresponding Secretary from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive. The several amounts, in obedience to the provision on that subject, have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Sec'ry for the fiscal year* 1852–53.

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852. Sept. 22, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas, (D. Reb'h.). | Books. | $1 00 | 2 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 24 00 | 3 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 30 00 | 4 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 4 00 | 6 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 74 00 | 8 |
| Oct. 4, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 11 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 8 00 | 16 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 40 00 | 18 |
| Nov. 19, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 23 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 4 00 | 25 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of N. New York..... | " | 10 00 | 26 |
| Dec. 9, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 8 00 | 28 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 6 00 | 31 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of North. New York | " | 5 00 | 34 |
| 1853. Jan. 3, | Grand Lodge of N. N. York, (Forms D.L.) | " | 5 00 | 35 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 4 00 | 38 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 30 00 | 39 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 24 00 | 41 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 68 00 | 44 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 8 00 | 45 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 40 00 | 46 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Ohio, ($5 opening D. L.) | " | 369 00 | 47 |
| Feb. 2, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 48 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of N. N. York, (Rev. Jour.) | " | 6 00 | 48 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | " | 12 00 | 50 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 6 00 | 52 |
| " 16, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 36 00 | 53 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 57 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 30 00 | 58 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Ohio, (Forms degree L.) | " | 4 00 | 60 |
| Mar. 3, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas..... | " | 16 00 | 62 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of California..... | " | 50 90 | 66 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 28 00 | 69 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 71 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 12 00 | 73 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 27 00 | 74 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 21 00 | 76 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut, (forms D.L.) | " | 3 00 | 76 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 20 00 | 79 |
| April 7, | Grand Lodge of Virginia, (forms D. L.). | " | 1 00 | 82 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 42 00 | 83 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Virginia, (forms D. L.). | " | 6 00 | 83 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 2 00 | 84 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 86 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 4 00 | 87 |
| " 30, | Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon..... | " | 2 00 | 90 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 4 00 | 88 |
| May 2, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 20 00 | 91 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 92 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 93 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Georgia, (Journal)..... | " | 18 00 | 96 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 90 00 | 97 |
| " 16, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 4 00 | 98 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 4 00 | 99 |
| " 19, | Alfred Mudge of Massachusetts, (Digests) | " | 2 00 | 100 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 6 00 | 101 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. June 6, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | Books. | $10 00 | 103 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Delaware ..... | " | 8 00 | 104 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of Dis. of Columbia, (Dig.) | " | 1 00 | 105 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 109 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 120 00 | 108 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, (R. Jour.) | " | 6 00 | 109 |
| " 23, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 24 00 | 110 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 111 |
| June 23, | Grand Lodge of Missouri, (Forms D. L.) | " | 2 00 | 111 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of N. N.York,(Forms D. L.) | " | 2 00 | 112 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Georgia, (Revised Jour.) | " | 282 00 | 113 |
| July 2, | G. W. Cassady of N. Jersey, (Rev. Jour.) | " | 12 00 | 114 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas, (Revised Jour.) | " | 48 00 | 116 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 160 00 | 116 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas, (Forms for D. L.) | " | 2 50 | 116 |
| " 13, | W. A. Miller of Santa Fe, N. M., (R. J.) | " | 6 00 | 117 |
| " 14, | Bro. Hess of Ohio, (Revised Journal)... | " | 6 00 | 118 |
| " 15, | J. A. Thompson of Md., (Revi'd Jour.) | " | 6 00 | 120 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 80 00 | 121 |
| " 18, | G. W. Cassady of N. Jersey, (Re. Jour.) | " | 12 00 | 122 |
| " 19, | Alex. E. Glenn of Ohio, (Revised Jour.) | " | 6 00 | 124 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 4 00 | 125 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 48 00 | 126 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey, (D. Reb.). | " | 17 00 | 126 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey, (Digests). | " | 8 25 | 126 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 127 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of N. N. York, (R. Jour.) | " | 24 00 | 127 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Alabama..... | " | 60 00 | 132 |
| Aug. 3, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 30 00 | 136 |
| " 3, | Grand Encampment of Illinois..... | " | 60 00 | 137 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Illinois ..... | " | 44 00 | 137 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Illinois, (Deg. Rebekah) | " | 30 00 | 137 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Illinois, (Opening D. L.) | " | 6 00 | 137 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Delaware ..... | " | 8 00 | 139 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 143 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 90 00 | 144 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 41 50 | 145 |
| " 12, | O. H. Grinnell of Mississippi, (R. Jour.) | " | 6 00 | 148 |
| " 12, | C. B. Stickney of Ohio, (R. Jour.)..... | " | 6 00 | 149 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina ..... | " | 118 00 | 150 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of N. Carolina, (R. Jour.). | " | 6 00 | 150 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Georgia, (Forms D. L.) | " | 1 00 | 155 |
| | | | $3,069 25 | |
| 1852. Sep. 22, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas ..... | Cards. | 5 00 | 2 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 2 00 | 9 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 10 00 | 10 |
| Oct. 6, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 40 00 | 14 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 16 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 18 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 20 00 | 19 |
| Nov. 3, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 21 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 22 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 80 00 | 24 |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 26, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | Cards. | $45 00 | 25 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 90 00 | 26 |
| Dec. 10, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 30 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 30 00 | 33 |
| 1853. Jan. 5, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 30 00 | 37 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 15 00 | 39 |
| " 15, | Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon..... | " | 5 00 | 40 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts ..... | " | 50 00 | 43 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of Massachusetts... | " | 20 00 | 43 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 5 00 | 44 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Ohio ..... | " | 120 00 | 47 |
| Feb. 2, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 24 00 | 48 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 51 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 200 00 | 52 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 53 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 50 00 | 55 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 57 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 58 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 59 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Ohio ..... | " | 80 00 | 60 |
| Mar. 3, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas ..... | " | 15 00 | 62 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 20 00 | 64 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of California..... | " | 50 00 | 66 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 70 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina ..... | " | 20 00 | 74 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 50 00 | 76 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 40 00 | 77 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 78 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 20 00 | 79 |
| April 4, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 20 00 | 80 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 30 00 | 83 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 85 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 80 00 | 86 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 6 00 | 87 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 89 |
| " 30, | Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon..... | " | 6 00 | 90 |
| May 2, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 170 00 | 91 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 92 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 12 50 | 94 |
| " 16, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 3 00 | 98 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 70 00 | 99 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 35 00 | 101 |
| June 6, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 90 00 | 103 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Delaware ..... | " | 20 00 | 104 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 106 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 111 |
| July 5, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 10 00 | 115 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 20 00 | 116 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 57 50 | 121 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Ohio ..... | " | 100 00 | 123 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 75 00 | 126 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 56 00 | 127 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 128 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Alabama..... | " | 200 00 | 132 |
| Aug. 3, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 100 00 | 137 |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 10 00 | 140 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 40 00 | 141 |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—PLACE—STATE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. Aug. 6, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | Cards. | $200 | 142 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Maryland | " | 110 00 | 144 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina | " | 60 00 | 145 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina | " | 20 00 | 150 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Georgia | " | 8 43 | 154 |
| | | | $3795 43 | |
| Sep. 25, | Grand Lodge of Minnesota | Charters. | $30 00 | 7 |
| 1853. Jan. 15, | Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon | " | 30 00 | 40 |
| " 17, | Encampment, No. 5, Texas | " | 30 00 | 42 |
| Mar. 8, | Encampment, No. 1, New Mexico | " | 30 00 | 65 |
| " 18, | Bugle Lodge, No. 3, New Mexico | " | 30 00 | 72 |
| | | | $150 00 | |
| 1853. Oct. 4, | Interest on Maryland State Stock | Miscella's. | $49 12 | 12 |
| Jan. 3, | Interest on State Stock | " | 124 12 | 36 |
| April 4, | Interest on Maryland State Stock | " | 124 12 | 81 |
| May 12, | Grand Lodge of Florida | " | 78 | 94 |
| " 16, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu | " | 4 43 | 98 |
| July 27, | Interest on State Stock | " | 111 70 | 131 |
| Aug. 19, | Grand Lodge of Georgia | " | 57 | 155 |
| | | | $414 84 | |
| 1852. Sep. 22, | Grand Encampment of Tennessee | Balance. | $50 00 | 1 |
| Oct. 4, | Grand Encampment of Michigan | " | 50 00 | 13 |
| *" 30, | Grand Lodge of Maine | " | 752 62 | 20 |
| 1853. July 30, | Grand Lodge of Alabama | " | 8 00 | 132 |
| Aug. 12, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina | " | 24 00 | 150 |
| | | | $884 62 | |
| 1852. Sep. 23, | Rep. Sanders, N. New York | Diplomas. | $2 00 | 5 |
| " 23, | Rep. D. P. Barnard, N. New York | " | 2 00 | 5 |
| " 23, | Rep. Jas. Wood, Rhode Island | " | 1 00 | 5 |
| Oct. 18, | Rep. J. J. Davies, S. New York | " | 12 00 | 16 |
| Dec. 9, | Grand Lodge of N. New York | " | 6 00 | 29 |
| 1853. Jan. 10, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 5 00 | 39 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 25 00 | 47 |
| June 8, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 20 00 | 107 |
| July 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas | " | 20 00 | 116 |
| Aug. 3, | Grand Lodge of Illinois | " | 50 00 | 137 |
| | | | $143 00 | |
| 1853. June 23, | Grand Encampment of Missouri | Rep. Tax. | $50 00 | 110 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey | " | 8 93 | |
| July 6, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 100 00 | 111 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Texas | " | 50 00 | 116 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Alabama | " | 100 00 | 132 |
| Aug. 3, | Grand Lodge of Illinois | " | 100 00 | 137 |
| " 3, | Grand Encampment of Illinois | " | 50 00 | 137 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 100 00 | 138 |

*Notes in hand of G. Secretary.

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—PLACE—STATE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. Aug. 5, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | Rep. Tax. | $100 00 | 140 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 142 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 100 00 | 144 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 100 00 | 145 |
| " 12, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 100 00 | 146 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 100 00 | 147 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 100 00 | 150 |
| " 15, | Grand Encampment of Kentucky..... | " | 50 00 | 151 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Georgia..... | " | 100 00 | 152 |
| " 19, | Grand Encampment of Georgia..... | " | 50 00 | 153 |
| " 23, | Grand Encampment of New Jersey..... | " | 50 00 | 156 |
| | | | $1508 93 | |
| 1852. Sep. 25, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | Odes. | $3 00 | 8 |
| Oct. 19, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 25 00 | 17 |
| Nov. 26, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 1 00 | 25 |
| Dec. 9, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 41 | 28 |
| 1853. Jan. 19, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 3 00 | 44 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 30 00 | 44 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 3 00 | 46 |
| Feb. 14, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 3 00 | 52 |
| " 16, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 6 00 | 53 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 3 00 | 54 |
| Mar. 3, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas..... | " | 3 00 | 62 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 30 00 | 68 |
| Apr. 21, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 6 00 | 88 |
| May 14, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 30 00 | 97 |
| July 6, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 3 00 | 116 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Alabama..... | " | 15 00 | 132 |
| Aug. 6, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 3 00 | 144 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 7 50 | 150 |
| Apr. 30, | Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon..... | " | 75 | 90 |
| | | | $175 66 | |
| 1853. Feb. 3, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, N. Mexico... | Wildey F. | $5 00 | 49 |
| 1852. Oct. 7, | Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas... | Dues. | $9 05 | 15 |
| " 7, | Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Arkansas | " | 14 45 | 15 |
| " 7, | Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas | " | 9 50 | 15 |
| Dec. 1, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 30 22 | 27 |
| " 16, | San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, California.. | " | 10 00 | 32 |
| 1853. Feb. 25, | Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vermont. | " | 1 50 | 56 |
| " 25, | Green Mountain Encamp't, No. 3, Ver... | " | 1 37 | 56 |
| Mar. 3, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 12 50 | 63 |
| " 10, | Rio Grande Encampment, No. 2, Texas. | " | 35 00 | 67 |
| " 28, | Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Ark... | " | 7 00 | 75 |
| " 30, | Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon..... | " | 41 25 | 90 |
| May 12, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 20 60 | 95 |
| " 16, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 117 38 | 98 |
| " 30, | Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas... | " | 8 00 | 102 |
| July 15, | Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota..... | " | 20 10 | 119 |
| " 15, | St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota..... | " | 28 11 | 119 |
| " 15, | John G. Potts Lodge, No. 3, Minnesota.. | " | 29 97 | 119 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. July 15, | Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota | Dues. | $5 85 | 129 |
| " 27, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, N. Mexico... | " | 31 56 | 130 |
| " 27, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.... | " | 105 77 | 133 |
| " 27, | Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas.. | " | 15 75 | 133 |
| Aug. 2, | Green Mountain Camp, No. 3, Vermont.. | " | 5 00 | 134 |
| " 2, | Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vermont. | " | 2 00 | 135 |
| " 2, | Bugle Lodge, No. 3, New Mexico..... | " | 20 00 | 119 |
| " 2, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 53 06 | 129 |
| | | | $634 99 | |
| | Aggregate..... | | $10,029 27 | |

It will be seen that there has been paid into the Treasury since the last annual audit of the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, on the 22d September, 1852, the sum of ten thousand twenty-nine dollars and twenty-seven cents. The further sum of three hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-six cents, for account of "Honolulu Hall Fund," has been received, but is only applicable to that object. The former sum, $10,029.27, is the revenue proper of the fiscal year The balance on hand, per report of Committee on Finance of last session, was $17,226.66, making, with the receipts of the year, an aggregate, exclusive of the "Honolulu Hall Fund," of $27,235.93 in the hands of the Treasurer during the year. Of this sum, up to August 22, 1853, the period when that officer's account was furnished to this office for comparison, the Treasurer had disbursed, in payments for appropriations of last session, mileage, salaries of officers, current expenses, and special investments, the sum of $21,321.00, leaving a balance on that day in his hands of $5,914.62. The apparent meagerness of this balance requires explanation.

Of the balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the last session, the sum of $1,233.50 was exclusively applicable to the "Honolulu Fund," and the sum of $5,427.75 was invested by the Grand Treasurer, with the approbation of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, in State of Maryland six per cent. stocks, pursuant to the resolution of the last session; the former of which amount subtracted from the balance in his hands on 22d September, 1852, and the latter sum added to the balance appearing in his report, will leave the actual amount in his hands on the 22d August, 1853, $11,342.37. This balance, together with the receipts of the session, usually large, will be properly applicable to such objects as may be found necessary.

I herewith submit, in connexion with the finances, a stock account, showing the amount on hand on the 1st day of September, 1852, the amount since received and sold, with nett profit, and the amount on hand on the 29th day of August, 1853.

The usual table, showing the condition and progress of the Order, cannot be now reported, in consequence of the non-receipt of a large number of the Annual Returns of State Grand Bodies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

BALTIMORE, Aug. 29, 1853.

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

*Supplies on hand September* 1*st*, 1852, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 1, 1853.

| | Degree of Rebekah. | Cards. | Charge Books. | Degree Books. | Digests. | G. Encamp. Books. | S. Encamp. Books. | Institution Books. | Grand Lodge Books. | Diplomas. | Odes. | Form of Degree Lodges. | Revised Journal. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| On hand Sept. 22, '52 | 1241 | 33182 | 947 | 616 | 25 | 74 | 1169 | 662 | 150 | 446 | 8605 | .... | .... |
| Rec'd during the year | .... | 60000 | 1000 | 1012 | .. | .. | .... | ... | ... | ... | 2000 | 5000 | 992 |
| Total..... | 1241 | 93182 | 1947 | 1628 | 25 | 74 | 1169 | 662 | 150 | 446 | 10605 | 5000 | 992 |
| Sold dur'g the year.. | 749 | 46529 | 772 | 598 | 25 | .. | 199 | 99 | 55 | 145 | 8106 | 2900 | 292 |
| On hand Sep. 1, '53. | 492 | 46653 | 1175 | 1030 | | 74 | 970 | 563 | 95 | 301 | 2499 | 2100 | 700 |

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from Sept.* 1*st*, 1852, *to Sept.* 1*st*, 1853, *showing cost of article, selling price, and profits.*

| Number of each article sold. | | Cost price. | Sold for. | Profits. |
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| Cards sold during the year, 46,529.... | | $523 44 | $4,652 90 | $4,129 46 |
| Encampment Books, " 157<br>Furnish. new Encamp'ts. " 42 | 199. | 31 84 | 314 00 | 282 16 |
| Degree of Rebekah, 749 copies..... | | 82 39 | 749 00 | 666 61 |
| Institution Books,.....96<br>Furnishing new Lodges, 3 | 99..... | 14 40 | 96 00 | 81 60 |
| Diplomas,.....144<br>" for G. Lodge charter, 1 | 145. | 36 25 | 144 00 | 107 75 |
| Charge Books, .....762<br>Furnish. new Lodge and En. 10 | 772. | 121 92 | 1,524 00 | 1,402 08 |
| Digest, 25 copies..... | | ..... | ..... | 6 37 |
| Form of Degree Lodges, 2,900..... | | 29 00 | 58 00 | 29 00 |
| Odes, 8,106..... | | 81 06 | 243 18 | 162 12 |
| Grand Lodge Books, 53<br>New " " 2 | 55..... | 10 60 | 53 00 | 42 40 |
| Proceedings G. Lodge U. S. 92<br>Representatives .....200 | 292. | ..... | 552 00 | ..... |
| Degree Books, .....578<br>Furnishing new Lodges,.... 10 | 588. | 94 08 | 1,166 00 | 1,071 92 |
| | | $1,024 98 | $9,552 08 | $7,981 47 |

AMOUNT OF HONOLULU HALL FUND, *received from September 22, 1852, to April 8th, 1853.*

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|---|---|
| From Louisiana | $23 00 |
| " Illinois | 57 00 |
| " Pennsylvania | 268 86 |
| " Texas | 10 00 |
| " Ohio | 2 00 |
| " North Carolina | 1 00 |
| " Indiana | 1 00 |
| | $362 82 |

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE WILDEY ANNUITY, *from September 25, 1852, to September 22, 1853.*

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|---|---|
| Grand Lodge of Texas, 1851 | $40 00 |
| Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Mississippi, 1852 | 3 00 |
| Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, Mississippi, 1852 | 3 00 |
| Monumental Lodge No. 14, Maryland, 1853 | 5 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1852 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of South Carolina, 1852 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Missouri, 1853 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Illinois, 1853 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1853 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of South Carolina, 1853 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Georgia, 1853 | 40 00 |
| Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Mississippi, 1853 | 5 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Louisiana, 1853 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1853 | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Texas, 1853 | 40 00 |
| | $456 000 |

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of his office from September 20, 1852, to September 2, 1853:

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

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| 1852. | |
| Sept. 20, To cash on hand | $17,206 66 |
| Sept. 20, To cash from Grand Secretary | 10,029 27 |
| Sept. 20, To cash from Honolulu fund | 362 86 |
| 1852. | |
| Sept. 20, By cash to S. Lynes, for per diem and mileage | 39 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to W. Mathews, for per diem and mileage | 103 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to A. Tuxbury, for per diem and mileage | 73 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to E. Fitzhugh, for per diem and mileage | 43 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. Chester, for per diem and mileage | 103 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to G. W. Race, for per diem and mileage | 164 00 |

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| Sept. 20, By cash to L. E. Baldwin, for per diem and mileage..... | $50 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to E. C. Dibble. for per diem and mileage..... | 78 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to R. Gillespie, for per diem and mileage..... | 103 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. Robinson, for per diem and mileage..... | 25 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to C. W. Bradbury, for per diem and mileage..... | 65 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to G. W. Shaw, for per diem and mileage..... | 167 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to H. L. Page, for per diem and mileage..... | 150 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to O. Dufour, for per diem and mileage..... | 93 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to R. F. Hunt, for per diem and mileage..... | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to E. C. Robinson, for per diem and mileage..... | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to P. A. Hackleman, for per diem and mileage..... | 93 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to S. Colfax, for per diem and mileage..... | 103 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. 3. Ruple, for per diem and mileage..... | 46 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wilson Small, for per diem and mileage..... | 38 00 |
| Sept 20, By cash to J. G. Potts, for per diem and mileage..... | 171 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. L. Drew, for per diem and mileage..... | 62 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. H. Jones, for per diem and mileage..... | 62 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. Rounsville, for per diem and mileage..... | 167 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to C. C. Harmon, for per diem and mileage..... | 73 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. R. Smith, for per diem and mileage..... | 70 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to A. Froment, for per diem and mileage..... | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. Mullen, for per diem and mileage..... | 62 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to G. Morton, for per diem and mileage..... | 125 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to H. F. Anners, for per diem and mileage..... | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. B. Newby, for per diem and mileage..... | 63 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. W. Hale, for per diem and mileage..... | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. S. Munday, for per diem and mileage..... | 125 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. Ellison, for per diem and mileage..... | 62 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to C. T. Vennigerholz, for per diem and mileage..... | 189 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. W. Moore, for per diem and mileage..... | 22 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. M. Willey, for per diem and mileage..... | 53 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to H. A. Manchester, for per diem and mileage..... | 58 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. P. Sanders, for per diem and mileage..... | 42 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. P. Norman, for per diem and mileage..... | 176 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to R. F. Russell, for per diem and mileage..... | 58 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to D. P. Barnard, for per diem and mileage..... | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to L. J. Glenn, for per diem and mileage..... | 106 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to I. D. Williamson, for per diem and mileage..... | 106 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to G. Hardie, for per diem and mileage..... | 172 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to B. Conley, for per diem and mileage..... | 88 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to C. Billinghurst, for per diem and mileage..... | 156 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to C. R. Hansford, for per diem and mileage..... | 130 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to N. Y. Shelly, for per diem and mileage..... | 139 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. D. McCord, for per diem and mileage..... | 189 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to W. E. Jennings, for per diem and mileage..... | 150 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. B. Kellogg, for per diem and mileage..... | 150 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to F. D. Mulford, for per diem and mileage..... | 28 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. Crickard, for per diem and mileage..... | 167 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to H. B. Hinsdale, for per diem and mileage..... | 143 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. N. Taylor, for per diem and mileage..... | 39 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to R. W. Seymour, for per diem and mileage..... | 76 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to W. B. Magruder, for per diem and mileage..... | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to T. D. Smiley, for per diem and mileage..... | 125 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to G. P. Hunt, for per diem and mileage..... | 212 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to W. Hicks, for per diem and mileage..... | 58 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. Libby, for per diem and mileage..... | 138 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to E. S. Kempton, for per diem and mileage..... | 87 50 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to W. Crutcher, for per diem and mileage..... | 198 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to A. M. Foute, for per diem and mileage..... | 203 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to G. Sligo, for per diem and mileage..... | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, By cash to J. C. Lyford, for per diem and mileage..... | 68 50 |

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| Sept. 20, | By cash to T. G. Senter, for per diem and mileage | $68 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. G. DeSaussure, for per diem and mileage | 76 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. A. Gyles, for per diem and mileage | 76 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. H. Remington, for per diem and mileage | 138 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to C. H. Green, for per diem and mileage | 163 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. Chidsey, for per diem and mileage | 91 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. G. Williams, for per diem and mileage | 91 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to N. Hayward, for per diem and mileage | 78 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. H. Simes, for per diem and mileage | 68 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. A. Simpson, for per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to R. H. Clark, for per diem and mileage | 29 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to A. S. Kellogg, for per diem and mileage | 109 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Wood, for per diem and mileage | 58 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. A. Kennedy, for per diem and mileage | 38 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to H. A. Askew, for per diem and mileage | 25 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to N. Carlisle, for per diem and mileage | 25 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Sessford, for per diem and mileage | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to F. D. Stuart, for per diem and mileage | 22 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to S. H. Lewyt, for per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to B. F. Zimmerman, for per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to R. Marley, for per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. Vansant, for per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to C. J. Gruman, for per diem and mileage | 42 50 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to E. P. Hunter, for per diem and mileage | 25 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to T. H. Hardenburg, for per diem and mileage | 49 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to W. L. Steele, for per diem and mileage | 68 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. M. Cassady, for per diem and mileage | 28 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for per diem | 18 00 |
| Sept. 20, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 241 79 |
| Sept. 27, | By cash to J. C. Burt, extra charge on engraving | 40 00 |
| Sept. 27, | By cash to W. W. Moore, postage | 26 25 |
| Sept. 27, | By cash to J. J. Johnson, for desk | 16 00 |
| Sept. 27, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for newspapers | 8 00 |
| Sept. 28, | By cash to L. Bonsal, for binding | 11 00 |
| Sept. 28, | By cash to P. Fritz, appropriation for Wash. monument stone | 150 00 |
| Sept. 28, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, cleaning room | 10 00 |
| Sept. 28, | By cash to W. C. Cunningham, assistant messenger | 12 00 |
| Sept. 28, | By cash to J. Mearis, per appropriation | 10 00 |
| Oct. 5, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 37 82 |
| Oct. 26, | By cash to S. Harris & Son, for State of Md. stock | 2814 50 |
| Nov. 5, | By cash to S. Harris & Son, for State of Md. stock | 2176 25 |
| Nov. 9, | By cash to renewing policy of insurance | 8 80 |
| Nov. 10, | By cash to S. Harris & Son, for State of Md. stock | 437 00 |
| Nov. 13, | By cash to T. J. Cochran, for ice | 5 52 |
| Dec. 1, | By cash to John E. Chamberlain, for one quarter's salary and postage | 204 77 |
| Dec. 4, | By cash to J. Young, for printing | 362 44 |
| Dec. 4, | By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| Dec. 14, | By cash to W. Cunningham, for packing boxes | 22 00 |
| Dec. 27, | By cash to T. Beck, for carpeting | 82 25 |
| Dec. 27, | By cash to J. Young, for printing | 1236 14 |
| Dec. 27, | By cash to J. Young, for paper | 165 50 |
| 1853. | | |
| Jan. 10, | By cash to J. M. Bruce, for radiator | 29 00 |
| Jan. 31, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 11 70 |
| March 1, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary and postage | 181 33 |
| March 1, | By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| March 3, | By cash to A. Mathews | 10 00 |
| Mar. 31, | By cash to W. W. Moore, for Index | 500 00 |
| April 4, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 13 50 |
| April 26, | By cash to J. Young, for binding | 200 00 |

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| May 2, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain | 4 97 |
| May 14, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for Honolulu fund | 1728 81 |
| May 30, | By cash to J. Young, for printing | 1156 78 |
| June 1, | By cash to J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| June 1, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary | 188 42 |
| July 2, | By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage and stamps | 9 97 |
| July 27, | By cash to advertising in New York Sun | 27 00 |
| July 30, | By cash to advertising in Public Ledger | 17 57 |
| Aug. 6, | By cash to Grand Lodge of Maryland | 270 00 |
| Aug. 6, | By cash to L. Bonsal, for binding | 200 00 |
| Aug. 6, | By cash to collecting drafts, and on uncurrent funds | 7 00 |
| Aug. 25, | By cash to advertising | 73 59 |
| Aug. 25, | By cash to A. E. Warner, G. T. salary | 200 00 |
| Aug. 25, | By cash on hand | 5,914 62 |
| | | $27,598 79 |

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following Supplementary Report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, begs very respectfully to submit the annexed supplementary statement of the receipts of his office since the close of his regular Annual Report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report up to and inclusive of the session.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853 Aug. 25, | Grand Lodge of Vermont | Cards. | $30 00 | 158 |
| " 26, | Grand Camp of Maryland | " | 5 00 | 163 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee | " | 150 00 | 165 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana | " | 50 00 | 170 |
| Sept. 1, | Grand Lodge of Florida | " | 13 37 | 178 |
| " 1, | Grand Lodge of Maryland | " | 50 00 | 179 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia | " | 20 00 | 189 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Iowa | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Iowa | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Indiana | " | 250 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin | " | 90 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of California | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky | " | 100 00 | |
| | | | $908 37 | |
| Aug. 25, | Grand Lodge of Vermont | Balance. | 20 00 | 158 |
| " 25, | Grand Encampment of Ohio | " | 30 00 | 159 |
| Sept. 5, | Grand Lodge of Iowa | " | 51 00 | 180 |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Iowa | " | 49 70 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Michigan | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Tennessee | " | 207 62 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of South Carolina | " | 51 00 | |
| | | | $459 82 | |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—PLACE—STATE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. Aug. 25, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | Rep Tax. | $100 00 | 158 |
| " 25, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 159 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 100 00 | 160 |
| " 26, | Grand Encampment of Alabama..... | " | 50 00 | 161 |
| " 29, | Grand Encampment of North Carolina... | " | 50 00 | 164 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | " | 100 00 | 165 |
| " 29, | Grand Encampment of Tennessee..... | " | 50 00 | 166 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 100 00 | 170 |
| " 30, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 50 00 | 171 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 174 |
| " 31, | Grand Encampment of Southern N. York. | " | 100 00 | 175 |
| Sept. 1, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey, in full .... | " | 82 00 | 176 |
| " 1, | Grand Encampment of Michigan..... | " | 50 82 | 177 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 180 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Northern N. York | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of New Hampshire. | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Iowa..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Dis. of Columbia. | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Wisconsin..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Indiana..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Massachusetts... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Delaware..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Connecticut..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Minnesota..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Michigan..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Georgia..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of California..... | " | 50 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 100 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of South Carolina... | " | 50 00 | |
| | | | $3,382 82 | |
| 1853. Sept. 5, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | Odes. | 19 50 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 9 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of California..... | " | 21 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 2 00 | |
| | | | $51 50 | |
| 1853. Sept. 5, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | Diplomas. | 10 00 | |
| | | | $10 00 | |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. Aug. 25, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York ... | Books. | $40 00 | 157 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 18 00 | 158 |
| " 26, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 96 00 | 162 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 20 | |
| " 29, | By cash for Journal..... | " | 6 00 | 167 |
| " 31, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 2 00 | 172 |
| Sept. 5, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia... | " | 12 00 | 180 |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of New Hampshire. | " | 9 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of Iowa..... | " | 60 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 353 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 24 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 66 40 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 88 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of California..... | " | 174 40 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 28 00 | |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 71 00 | |
| 5, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 6 00 | |
| | | | $1,054 00 | |
| Aug. 29, | S. H. Parker, D. D. G. S. California .... | Dues. | 200 00 | 168 |
| " 29, | S. H. Parker, Golden Gate Camp, No. 1. | " | 103 00 | 169 |
| " 31, | Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota.... | " | 14 55 | 173 |
| " 31, | St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota..... | " | 38 14 | 173 |
| " 31, | John G. Potts Lodge, No. 3, Minnesota.. | " | 23 02 | 173 |
| " 31, | Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Minnesota..... | " | 21 00 | 173 |
| " 31, | Minnesota Encampment, No. 1..... | " | 9 20 | 173 |
| Sept. 5, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Santa Fe..... | " | 57 20 | 180 |
| " 5, | Anson Jones Encampment, Texas..... | " | 11 00 | |
| | | | $477 29 | |
| Aug. 29, | Pacific Encampment, No. 2..... | Charters. | 30 00 | 169 |
| " 29, | Parker Encampment, No. 3..... | " | 30 00 | 169 |
| | | | $60 00 | |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

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| Books | Statement | $3,069 25 |
| | Supplementary | 1,054 00 |
| Representative Tax | Statement | 1,508 93 |
| | Supplementary | 3,382 82 |
| Dues | Statement | 634 99 |
| | Supplementary | 477 29 |
| Diplomas | Statement | 143 00 |
| | Supplementary | 10 00 |
| Cards | Statement | 3,795 43 |
| | Supplementary | 908 37 |
| Warrants | Statement | 150 00 |
| | Supplementary | 60 00 |
| Odes | Statement | 175 66 |
| | Supplementary | 51 50 |
| Balances | Statement | 884 62 |
| | Supplementary | 459 82 |
| Miscellaneous | Statement | 414 84 |
| | Supplementary | 343 35 |
| Wildey Fund | | 5 00 |
| Amount of Receipts | | $17,528 87 |

HONOLULU HALL FUND.

Supplementary Statement, *September* 6, 1853.

| DATES. | LODGES. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. Aug. 3, | Received from Lodges in Mississippi | $8 09 | 09 |
| " 24, | Received from Lodges in Iowa | 4 00 | 10 |
| | | $12 09 | |

Exhibit *of Moneys paid by the Grand Lodge of Maine to the Grand Lodge of the United States, September* 6, 1853.

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| Note payable October 12, 1853, | $100 00 |
| " " " " 1854, (anticipated) | 100 00 |
| " " " " 1855, " | 100 00 |
| Interest on first note from October, 1852 to September 6, 1853, 10 months and 24 days, | 5 40 |
| Interest on second note, same time, | 5 40 |
| Interest on third note, same time, | 5 40 |
| Interest on four outstanding notes for $452 62, for one year's interest, endorsed on notes | 27 15 |
| | $343 35 |

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secr'y.*

*September* 21, 1853.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June* 30, 1853.

| LODGES. | WHERE HELD. | Number of Lodges. | Initiations. | Suspensions. | Expulsions. | Past Grands. | Past Grand Masters |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland... | Baltimore..... | 77 | 1596 | 699 | 14 | 1096 | 18 |
| G. L. Massac'usetts | Boston..... | 111 | 291 | 726 | 11 | 1446 | 9 |
| G. L. S. New York | N. York city... | 192 | 1126 | 1766 | 33 | 2464 | 11 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania | Philadelphia ... | 470 | 4062 | 2366 | 70 | 4794 | 14 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col.. | Washington.... | 13 | 110 | 97 | 2 | 316 | 12 |
| G. L. Delaware.... | Wilmington..... | 23 | 224 | 5 | 1 | 274 | 14 |
| G. L. Ohio..... | Columbus..... | 225 | 2814 | 114 | 463 | 2108 | 17 |
| G. L. Louisiana... | New Orleans... | 33 | 559 | 182 | 144 | 297 | 11 |
| G. L. New Jersey. | Trenton..... | 108 | 645 | 588 | 30 | 1180 | 12 |
| G. L. Kentucky... | Louisville..... | 101 | 832 | 129 | 32 | 858 | 11 |
| G. L. Virginia.... | Richmond..... | 111 | 805 | 272 | 279 | 1082 | 14 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | Indianapolis ... | 134 | 1365 | 122 | 57 | 960 | ..... |
| G. L. Mississippi.. | Natchez..... | 46 | 218 | 142 | 64 | 375 | 9 |
| G. L. Missouri.... | St. Louis..... | 59 | 523 | 185 | 14 | 391 | 9 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | Springfield..... | 129 | 1147 | 353 | 123 | 597 | 9 |
| G. L. Alabama.... | Mobile..... | 48 | 221 | 97 | 25 | 282 | ..... |
| G. L. Connecticut. | New Haven.... | 68 | 463 | 455 | 11 | 732 | 12 |
| G. L. Texas..... | Galveston..... | 33 | 291 | 21 | 3 | 108 | 7 |
| G. L. S. Carolina.. | Charleston..... | 23 | 265 | 32 | 69 | 228 | ..... |
| G. L. Tennessee.. | Nashville..... | 78 | 456 | 2 | 15 | 534 | 7 |
| G. L. N. Carolina . | Wilmington.... | 40 | 303 | 47 | 32 | 272 | 10 |
| G. L. Georgia.... | Macon..... | 44 | 229 | 153 | 21 | 272 | 8 |
| G. L. Maine..... | Portland ..... | 56 | 94 | 312 | 7 | 720 | ..... |
| G. L. R. Island... | Providence .... | 15 | 80 | 101 | 7 | 205 | 8 |
| G. L. N. Hampsh'e | Concord..... | 39 | 154 | 226 | 27 | 385 | 9 |
| G. L. Michigan... | Detroit..... | 61 | 475 | 241 | 15 | 390 | 7 |
| G. L. Wisconsin.. | Milwaukee.... | 62 | 401 | 237 | 164 | 382 | 6 |
| G. L. Vermont.... | Montpelier..... | 26 | 161 | 90 | 13 | 188 | 4 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | Bloomington... | 48 | 387 | 81 | 9 | 253 | 5 |
| G. L. Arkansas... | Little Rock.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York | Utica..... | 464 | 3135 | 3049 | 96 | 3483 | 7 |
| G. L. Florida..... | Tallahassee.... | 7 | 37 | 14 | 1 | 25 | 2 |
| G. L. California... | California..... | 13 | 15 | 20 | ..... | 48 | 1 |
| Minnesota, No. 1*. | Minnesota..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... |
| Saint Paul, No. 2*. | Minnesota ..... | ..... | 5 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| J. G. Potts, No. 3* | Minnesota..... | ..... | 9 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hennepin*..... | Minnesota..... | ..... | 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Excelsior, No. 1.*. | Honolulu..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... |
| Montezuma, No. 1. | New Mexico... | ..... | 8 | 1 | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| Paradise, No. 2*... | New Mexico... | ..... | 13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bugle, No. 3*..... | New Mexico... | ..... | 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. .. |
| * One report. | | 2941 | 23,551 | 14,020 | 2254 | 16,759 | 263 |

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| LODGES. | Revenue of Subordinate Lodges. | Contributing Members. | No. of brothers relieved. | No. of widowed families relieved. | No. of brothers buried. | Amount paid for relief of brothers. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland... | $89,284 00 | 12,259 | 2393 | 247 | 136 | $30,205 00 |
| G. L. Massac'usetts | 37,854 98 | 8,066 | 632 | 116 | 70 | 16,781 93 |
| G. L. S. New York | 117,201 60 | 16,731 | 2181 | 327 | 170 | 45,137 99 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania | 173,254 81 | 44,122 | 5014 | 796 | 282 | 73,107 72 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col... | 7,457 07 | 1,279 | 270 | 23 | 13 | 2,734 00 |
| G. L. Delaware.... | 17,195 08 | 1,975 | 418 | ..... | 23 | 3,962 91 |
| G. L. Ohio..... | 105,701 15 | 16,197 | 1976 | 165 | 150 | 27,310 98 |
| G. L. Louisiana.... | 45,528 88 | 2,914 | 368 | 35 | 55 | 7,893 92 |
| G. L. New Jersey. | 43,100 43 | 7,349 | 1063 | 54 | 49 | 15,068 42 |
| G L. Kentucky... | 39,687 48 | 4,544 | 418 | ..... | 37 | 6,858 99 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | 33,059 48 | 6,913 | 910 | 80 | 61 | 10,336 73 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 107,113 75 | 6,147 | 901 | 37 | ..... | 10,944 58 |
| G. L. Mississippi.. | 13,590 86 | 1,636 | 71 | 6 | 15 | 1,133 00 |
| G. L. Missouri.... | 28,274 45 | 2,720 | 292 | 69 | 22 | 4,699 35 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | 37,793 43 | 5,205 | 513 | 29 | 41 | 5,823 09 |
| G. L. Alabama.... | 16,485 09 | 1,555 | 176 | 18 | 18 | 2,491 77 |
| G. L. Connecticut. | 28,819 14 | 4,865 | 479 | 68 | 40 | 7,741 89 |
| G. L. Texas..... | 10,957 14 | 879 | 54 | 5 | 11 | 708 88 |
| G. L. S. Carolina.. | 14,513 78 | 1,928 | 201 | 55 | 17 | 3,276 17 |
| G. L. Tennessee... | 24,309 48 | 3,053 | 156 | 18 | 36 | 3,655 00 |
| G. L. N. Carolina.. | 12,933 02 | 1,760 | 150 | 21 | 14 | 1,651 00 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 12,431 78 | 1,709 | 196 | 15 | 27 | 3,613 90 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 9,028 74 | 2,644 | 176 | 15 | 15 | 2,626 45 |
| G. L. Rhode Island | 8,398 97 | 1,233 | 173 | ..... | 8 | 4,321 75 |
| G. L. N. Hampsh'e | 2,110 00 | 2,438 | 197 | 5 | 23 | 3,392 42 |
| G. L. Michigan... | 18,142 54 | 3,247 | 310 | 25 | 33 | 3,264 21 |
| G. L. Wisconsin... | 11,241 31 | 2,490 | 169 | 9 | 13 | 2,204 71 |
| G. L. Vermont.... | 5,270 19 | 1,127 | 131 | 7 | 15 | 1,547 57 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 11,993 78 | 1,648 | 97 | 3 | 5 | 1,166 25 |
| G. L. Arkansas.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York | 119,546 72 | 23,266 | 2824 | 126 | 192 | 47,163 29 |
| G. L. Florida..... | 2,163 52 | 242 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 323 00 |
| G. L. California... | 1,862 58 | 571 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Minnesota, No. 1.. | 145 50 | 58 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Saint Paul, No. 2,. | 381 42 | 69 | 5 | ..... | ..... | 86 00 |
| J. G. Potts, No. 3.. | 230 25 | 46 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hennepin ..... | 211 86 | 21 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... |
| Excelsior, No. 1... | 206 00 | 37 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 00 |
| Montezuma, No. 1. | 848 64 | 16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Paradise, No. 2.... | 768 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bugle, No. 3..... | 132 00 | 21 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $1,209,228 90 | 193,030 | 22,938 | 2375 | 1583 | $351,437 87 |

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| LODGES. | Amount paid for relief of widowed families. | Amount paid for the education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying dead. | Total amount of Relief. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland.... | $17,206 00 | $3,312 00 | $9,447 00 | $58,985 00 |
| G. L. Massac'usetts | 3,730 98 | 74 96 | 2,653 01 | 23,232 88 |
| G. L. S. New York | 9,405 21 | 552 68 | 6,905 06 | 62,000 74 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania. | 3,886 66 | 333 78 | 14,052 65 | 91,380 81 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col... | 330 00 | 317 45 | 450 13 | 3,831 58 |
| G. L. Delaware.... | 193 00 | ..... | 730 00 | 4,885 91 |
| G. L. Ohio ..... | 2,608 02 | 84 31 | 5,350 05 | 35,150 58 |
| G. L. Louisiana.... | 472 10 | 89 00 | 4,008 95 | 14,739 47 |
| G. L. New Jersey.. | 1,080 49 | 541 98 | 2,281 70 | 18,972 59 |
| G. L. Kentucky ... | 1,247 11 | 667 87 | 1,992 27 | 10,762 24 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | 1,970 92 | 1,818 61 | 2,506 59 | 16,632 85 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 285 73 | 564 85 | 2,032 33 | 15,828 37 |
| G. L. Mississippi.. | 80 00 | 11 75 | 592 00 | 1,816 75 |
| G. L. Missouri. ... | 1,585 91 | 1,632 31 | 852 37 | 8,769 94 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | 589 08 | 50 83 | 1,388 15 | 7,880 14 |
| G. L. Alabama. ... | 507 75 | 253 95 | 917 00 | 4,170 47 |
| G. L. Connecticut.. | 539 25 | 102 17 | 1,408 80 | 10,377 11 |
| G. L. Texas..... | 62 55 | 53 50 | 386 75 | 1,224 18 |
| G. L. S. Carolina .. | 2,772 00 | 507 86 | 604 50 | 7,160 53 |
| G. L. Tennessee... | 1,022 27 | 87 80 | 1,351 50 | 5,745 87 |
| G. L. N. Carolina.. | 490 00 | 140 50 | 410 00 | 2,691 50 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 698 37 | 110 00 | 765 67 | 5,187 93 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 230 90 | 56 00 | 345 00 | 3,258 35 |
| G. L. Rhode Island. | 978 52 | ..... | 320 00 | 5,620 27 |
| G. L. N. Hampshire | 85 50 | ..... | 860 32 | 4,323 94 |
| G. L. Micnigan.... | 380 11 | 49 27 | 863 00 | 4,556 59 |
| G. L. Wisconsin... | 94 40 | 38 44 | 390 95 | 2,528 50 |
| G. L. Vermont..... | 325 60 | ..... | 437 50 | 2,328 67 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 119 35 | 10 00 | 182 60 | 1,478 20 |
| G. L. Arkansas.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York. | 2,316 22 | 318 65 | 5,522 88 | 55,321 04 |
| G. L. Florida..... | 20 00 | 20 00 | 105 12 | 468 12 |
| G. L. California... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Minnesota, No. 1.. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Saint Paul, No. 2... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 86 00 |
| John G. Potts, No. 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hennepin..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Excelsior, No. 1. .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 00 |
| Montezuma, No. 1. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Paradise, No. 2.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bugle, No. 3..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $55,314 00 | $11,800 52 | $70,123 85 | $491,322 12 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June* 30, 1853.

| ENCAMPMENTS. | WHERE HELD. | Number of Subordinates. | Initiations. | Suspensions. | Expulsions. | Revenue of Subordinates. | Contributing Members. | RELIEF. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. E. Maryland.... | Baltimore.. | 11 | 154 | 56 | ... | $10,117 83 | 1,492 | $5,389 00 |
| G. E. Pennsylvania | Philadelphia | 89 | 605 | 253 | 3 | 25,403 38 | 5,816 | 10,120 67 |
| G. E. S. New York | City N. York | ... | .... | .... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. Ohio ..... | Cincinnati.. | 54 | 482 | 11 | 49 | 13,663 13 | 3,053 | 5,166 95 |
| G. E. New Jersey.. | New Ark... | 23 | 56 | 60 | ... | 2,027 26 | 207 | 889 50 |
| G. E. Virginia..... | Alexandria. | 27 | 147 | 25 | 17 | 4,327 32 | 871 | 1,124 00 |
| G. E. S. Carolina .. | Charleston.. | 4 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 663 75 | 147 | 91 00 |
| G. E. Massac'usetts | Boston..... | 21 | 92 | 80 | ... | 1,605 83 | 1,106 | 1,156 43 |
| G. E. Kentucky ... | Louisville.. | 25 | 128 | 43 | 6 | 3,205 81 | 808 | 594 50 |
| G. E. Maine..... | Portland ... | 13 | 14 | 18 | ... | ..... | 415 | 324 50 |
| G. E. N. Hampshire | Concord.... | 8 | 19 | 23 | 3 | ..... | 302 | 189 00 |
| G. E. Mississippi.. | Natchez.... | 10 | 39 | 4 | 2 | 2,070 75 | 242 | 294 00 |
| G. E. Missouri. ... | St. Louis... | 13 | 68 | 20 | 1 | 1,646 95 | 359 | 102 00 |
| G. E. Dis. of Colu'a | Washington | 5 | 42 | 31 | ... | 1,341 81 | 328 | 574 75 |
| G. E. Tennessee... | Nashville... | 17 | 73 | .... | ... | 2,726 60 | 403 | ..... |
| G. E. N. Carolina.. | Wilmington | 11 | 41 | 4 | 3 | 1,128 54 | 299 | 108 00 |
| G. E. Georgia ..... | Macon..... | 9 | 34 | 57 | 1 | 747 67 | 228 | 228 00 |
| G. E. Louisiana.... | N. Orleans . | 8 | 91 | 54 | ... | 3,624 90 | 539 | 557 00 |
| G. E. Alabama. ... | Mobile..... | 18 | .... | .... | ... | 424 45 | 74 | 64 00 |
| G. E. Indiana..... | Indianapolis | 35 | 254 | 9 | 4 | 7,449 38 | 1,133 | 1,343 55 |
| G. E. Michigan.... | Kalamazoo . | 5 | 36 | 9 | 2 | 871 59 | 189 | ..... |
| G. E. Rhode Island. | Providence. | 6 | 48 | 12 | ... | 448 55 | 326 | 189 43 |
| G. E. Delaware.... | Wilmington | 7 | 24 | 12 | ... | 1,007 65 | 320 | 590 00 |
| G. E. Wisconsin... | Southport .. | 8 | 56 | .... | ... | 533 13 | 215 | 12 75 |
| G. E. N. New York. | Utica..... | 70 | 213 | 272 | 5 | 6,542 40 | 1,718 | 1,287 55 |
| G. E. Connecticut.* | New Haven | 15 | 34 | 43 | 3 | 1,224 52 | 427 | 305 25 |
| G. E. Illinois..... | Springfield . | 20 | 68 | 4 | ... | 1,347 95 | 334 | ..... |
| G. E. Iowa..... | Muscatine.. | 9 | 30 | 14 | ... | 674 42 | 242 | 235 00 |
| Encamp'nt, No. 1,*. | Helena..... | ... | 3 | .... | 1 | 80 00 | 17 | ..... |
| Ascutney, No. 2,.. | Vermont ... | | 7 | .... | ... | 35 00 | 41 | ..... |
| G. Mountain, No. 3, | Vermont... | .. | 10 | .... | ... | 63 50 | 33 | ..... |
| Lone Star, No. 1,.. | Texas. .... | ... | 12 | 2 | ... | 101 55 | 20 | ..... |
| Fort Smith, No. 3,. | Arkansas... | ... | 1 | .... | ... | 70 25 | 20 | ..... |
| Rio Grande, No. 2,* | Texas ..... | ... | 20 | .... | ... | 350 00 | 19 | ..... |
| Minnesota, No. 1,.. | Minnesota.. | ... | 6 | .... | ... | 92 00 | 28 | ..... |
| | | 541 | 2934 | 1120 | 101 | 95,617 37 | 21,771 | 30,926 83 |

* Only one report.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Committee to whom was referred the Constitution for the purpose of reporting amendments thereto, submitted the report of the committee, accompanied by a printed form of Constitution, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and to lay over till the next session. These documents are as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to report such amendments as they shall deem to be required by the Order, report:

That, in the discharge of the duty entrusted to them, the committee have deemed it more advisable to submit an entirely new Constitution, as an amendment of the old, than to propose amendments to the several articles of the old Constitution. To this course, the committee are induced by the belief that a more symmetrical instrument will be the result. They therefore report, as an amendment to the old Constitution, the Constitution, By-Laws, &c. hereto appended; and they recommend the abrogation of the old in every particular, and the substitution of that now submitted.

The committee submit the following letter received from P. G. Sire Robert H. Griffin, declining the appointment as a member of the committee.

Respectfully submitted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
DANIEL P. BARNARD.

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BALTIMORE, August 29, 1853.

*Wilmot G. DeSaussure, Esq., chairman, &c.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The information has reached me, through the Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the communication of 1852, as well as from other sources, that I was elected at that communication a member of a special committee to revise the constitution of that body. I have since received from you a notice to attend a meeting of said committee, in the city of Baltimore, on Monday, 29th August.

I am deeply sensible of the honor which has been done me, and profoundly grateful for this renewed manifestation of the esteem and confidence of that distinguished body. It would have given me great pleasure to submit myself to its command, so kindly expressed, could I have done so without a sacrifice of my own sense of propriety. It has been the good pleasure of my brethren that I should have already enjoyed all the honors of the fraternity, and in the performance of the duties incident to those honors I have necessarily become so intermingled with the constitutional system of the Grand Lodge of the United States as it now stands, that I hold myself incompetent to judge the grave questions committed to the charge of yourself and colleagues. It is better that that function should be discharged by those who stand untrammelled by antecedents which may involve prejudice and bias.

With a grateful sense, therefore, of the compliment bestowed, I am constrained to decline the position which has been assigned to me and to rest content with the honors which I now enjoy.

I remain yours, in the bonds of our Order,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

*Form of Constitution submitted by the Committee.*

ARTICLE

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

SEC. 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole Brotherhood as are provided in the constitution and in the ritual of the Order. Its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries.

SEC. 3. By virtue of charters granted by it, all State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments exist, and with it rests the power, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, to deprive such State, District, or Territorial Grand Bodies of their charters, and to annul their authority; provided that such deprivation or annulment shall only be made for violation of the laws of this Grand Lodge. No more than one Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be chartered in any State, District, or Territory, except in the State of New York, where by law there are now chartered two Grand Lodges and two Grand Encampments. All Grand Bodies working under charters granted by this Grand Lodge are supreme for all local legislation and appellate jurisdiction within their respective limits, except as is hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of a State, District, or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to this Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered up to its Grand Lodge or Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, from the decision thereof. But in all cases the decision of the State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment shall be final and conclusive, until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom.

SEC. 5. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. To this Grand Lodge is reserved the power to establish the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in such countries, domestic or foreign, wherein the same has not yet been established.

SEC. 7. To this Grand Lodge belongs the immediate jurisdiction

over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in such countries, domestic or foreign, as are without Grand Lodges or Encampments.

SEC. 8. To it belongs the power to enact all laws of general application to the Order.

SEC. 9. All power and authority in the Order not reserved to this Grand Lodge by this constitution, is hereby vested in the various State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies.

ARTICLE II.

This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: a Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; who shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of all the votes cast, biennially, at the stated communication of this Grand Lodge in September; and shall be installed into their respective offices on the first day of the stated communication next ensuing their election.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, Right Worthy Grand Marshal, Right Worthy Grand Guardian, and Right Worthy Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and, if approved of by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers.

SEC. 3. Should any of the elective officers fail to appear to be installed at the time provided, the particular office or offices shall be declared vacant, and the Grand Lodge shall in that event proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, and the officer or officers so elected shall be accordingly installed.

SEC. 4. All of the officers, both elective and appointed, shall attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required by the presiding officer; and shall receive such compensation as is hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. No officer (who is not also a Representative) shall be permitted to vote, except the Grand Sire in case of an equal division. Nor shall any officer (who is not also a Representative) be allowed to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Grand Lodge, except by the vote of a majority thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order, and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the

casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided, other than upon a ballot for officers, but shall not vote on any other occasion. He shall appoint all committees not required to be raised by ballot, and appoint all District Deputy Grand Sires. During the recess of this Grand Lodge he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the order. He may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Encampments, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He may hear and decide such questions, other than questions arising out of the constitution of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Bodies, as may be submitted to him by the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges or Encampments, or by the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. And his decisions upon all appeals and questions so submitted to him shall be binding upon the Bodies or persons submitting the same until reversed by this Grand Lodge. He is empowered to receive petitions and grant warrants for the opening of new Lodges and Encampments, Grand or Subordinate, and all warrants so granted by him shall be of force until recalled by this Grand Lodge. At every communication of this Grand Lodge he shall make a report in writing of all his acts and doings, including all his official decisions, during the recess, in relation to the official business transacted by him.

Sec. 2. During his term of service he shall not hold any office in any State, District, or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

Sec. 3. In case of the removal of the Grand Sire from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term; and in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability both of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Junior Past Grand Sire, and the Grand Lodge shall, at the first communication succeeding thereto, proceed to elect and install a Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE V.

The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence. In case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability of the Grand Sire, the powers and duties of the said office shall devolve on the Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term, as provided in Sec. 3. of Art. 4.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the journal of all secret

sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work and such alterations as may from time to time be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the Work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports, and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall keep the moneys and all the evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, &c. of the Grand Lodge, and pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at its stated communication in September, annually, a full and correct statement of his accounts. Before his installation he shall give a bond with two sureties, to the Grand Lodge, in such sum as may from time to time be fixed, and shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

SEC. 2. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. The Grand Chaplain shall perform such duties as appertain to his office, and as may from time to time be required by the Grand Lodge relative thereto.

SEC. 2. The Grand Marshal shall assist the Grand Sire in performing his duties, in such manner as he may from time to time be required, and perform all the duties generally appertaining to such office.

SEC. 3. The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before he admits him, and allow none to depart without the usual formality.

SEC. 4. The Grand Messenger shall perform such duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time require for the convenience and comfort of the members, and for his services he shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments for the term of two years; and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated annually, by rotation. And if vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, such vacancies shall

be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitutions of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment.

SEC. 2. Grand Representatives shall be appointed as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, One Grand Representative. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, Two Grand Representatives. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over five thousand members in good standing, Three Grand Representatives. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over twenty thousand members in good standing, Four Grand Representatives. And no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment shall ever have over Four Grand Representatives.

SEC. 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple degree, and be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing; and he must reside in the State, District, or Territory the Grand Lodge or Encampment whereof he represents. No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time.

SEC. 4. Grand Representatives shall be furnished by the Grand Bodies which they represent with such certificates as shall be required by law.

SEC. 5. In case of contested elections, this Grand Lodge shall determine to whom the contested seat belongs.

## ARTICLE X.

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives.

## ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge shall have the power, a majority consenting thereto, to impeach and try any of its officers or members, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes cast, to expel from officership or membership therein any officer or member so impeached and tried.

SEC. 2. During the trial of any impeachment, the officer or member under impeachment shall be debarred from the exercise of his office or the privilege of his membership, but may be heard in his own defence.

SEC. 3. No officer or member who has been once expelled from this Grand Lodge shall be ever again admitted therein as an officer or member.

SEC. 4. Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of which an officer or member of this Grand Lodge is a member, shall ipso facto work a suspension from officership or mem-

bership in this Grand Lodge; and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

ARTICLE XII.

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Thursday of September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause two months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

ARTICLE XIII.

SEC. 1. Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and act upon the credentials of new members, except in contested elections.

SEC. 2. This Grand Lodge shall be the judge of the certificates or returns and qualifications of its members.

SEC. 3. It may determine the rules of its proceedings, and from time to time adopt such rules of order as it may see fit.

SEC. 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept and published annually, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

SEC. 5. Voting for officers shall be by ballot; and should there be more than two candidates for the same office, after the second ballot the candidate on each balloting subsequent having the lowest number of ballots shall be dropped, until an election is made.

SEC. 6. All other voting shall be viva voce, or by yeas and nays, as the Grand Lodge may desire. The yeas and nays may be demanded by one-fifth of the Representatives present, and shall be entered upon the journal.

SEC. 7. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote, except in such cases as a specific majority is required.

ARTICLE XIV.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz:

1. Fees for charters of Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.

2. Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, ten per cent. on their receipts.

4. Proceeds of the sales of books, cards, diplomas, odes, and certificates.

ARTICLE XV.

SEC. 1. To be an officer of this Grand Lodge, one nominated must have received the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees, and be a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in good standing.

SEC. 2. Candidates for the several elective offices may be nominated by the State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges or Encampments, or by the Grand Representatives.

SEC. 3. The nomination and election of officers shall take place on the same day, to wit, the second day of the communications at which officers are to be elected. The nomination for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election for the same, and before the nominations and elections for the next office.

ARTICLE XVI.

SEC. 1. The members of the Order from each State, District, or Territory under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to admission into the Lodges or Encampments of every other State, District, or Territory, upon proving themselves according to the established work of the Order, and the production of a proper card.

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

SEC. 3. No citizen of one State, District, or Territory, wherein Lodges or Encampments are established, shall be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment of another State, District, or Territory, without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of the State, District, or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident.

SEC. 4. A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any State, District, or Territory, shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another State, District, or Territory, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled.

ARTICLE XVII.

The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE XVIII.

With the previous consent and approval, from time to time expressed, of this Grand Lodge, the Most Worthy Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Grand Lodge as a special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any sovereign jurisdiction in Odd-

Fellowship recognised by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expenses of such special Grand Representative's visit shall be defrayed from the Treasury of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such foreign Grand Lodge, who may be duly accredited from the same as a special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, and shall have a deliberative voice but not a vote in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIX.

By-Laws in conformity with this Constitution may be made, which shall not be altered or amended unless such amendment be proposed at a stated annual communication and acted upon at the same session, but not on the day on which it is offered, and adopted by two-thirds of the votes given.

ARTICLE XX.

This Constitution, and the By-Laws which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the Order, and be binding upon the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XXI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular annual communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the journal and lie over until the next regular annual communication. At the next regular annual communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this Constitution.

*Form of By-Laws submitted by the Committee.*

ARTICLE 1. Upon the petition of five brothers of the Order, in good standing, praying for a charter to open a Subordinate Lodge in a State, District, or Territory where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. Each Subordinate Lodge receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be opened by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputized therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such Lodge the warrant and charge books, and shall, at the opening thereof, give all necessary instruction. Such Lodge shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand deputized by him for that purpose, or by a District Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE 2. Upon the petition of seven qualified members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a warrant to open an Encampment

in a State, District, or Territory where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. Every Encampment receiving a warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or a qualified Patriarch, who shall deliver to such Encampment the warrant and charge books, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or by some Patriarch deputized by him for that purpose, or by the District Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE 3. Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, semi-annually, reports containing the same information as is required from Grand Lodges and Encampments by article 10th of these Laws. The report shall be accompanied by the dues, in current money.

ARTICLE 4. Three or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, located in any State, District, or Territory where a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not been established, having seven Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing, may petition the Grand Lodge of the United States, in writing, praying for the charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in such State, District, or Territory; which, if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted; and such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or some qualified brother or Patriarch whom he shall deputize for that purpose.

ARTICLE 5. All applications for charters for Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments must be by a vote of a majority of the Lodges or Encampments within the State, District, or Territory, as follows: When three or more Lodges or Encampments shall agree in the opinion that a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment will contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges or Encampments in the State, District, or Territory, inviting them to meet in consultation at some convenient time and place. Each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, or Past High Priests, as Representatives, to meet in Convention and consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the location of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent at least three Lodges or Encampments.) Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or refuse to send a Representative, or should the Representative, from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble, provided a sufficient number be present to comply with the preceding requirements. Each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its Representative a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these Representatives the votes shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in the following form, to wit:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States*
*of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows:*

The petition of ——— Lodge, (or Encampment,) No. 1, ——— No. 2, ——— No. 3, of ———, respectfully represents, that at present they work under warrants granted by your R. W. Body; that at present they have ——— Past Grands (or Past Chief Patriarchs) in good standing. They are of opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the ———. They therefore pray your R. W. Body to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the ———, to be located at ———.

Witness our hands and seals this —— day of ——, 18—.

A. B., *Representative of No.* 1.
C. D., *Representative of No.* 2.
E. F., *Represensative of No.* 3.

Article 6. All travelling and other expenses of the Grand Sire, or of the Past Grand or Patriarch deputized by him to open a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.

Article 7. Applications for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments must be accompanied by the fee for the same, which shall be returned if the charter is not granted.

Article 8. Each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall have a Grand Seal, an impression whereof in wax shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Article 9. The Constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge or Encampment chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval.

Article 10. Annual returns shall be made by each State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give the names of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, the number of members in good standing in Subordinate Lodges, the number of initiations, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for education of orphans, the whole amount of receipts, amount of money in the treasury, amount of the widow and orphan funds, and the amount of investments; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this body is held.

Article 11. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall be in arrears for moneys due to this Grand Lodge shall be allowed to vote by its Representative or Representatives.

Article 12. No person shall at the same time hold membership in more than one Grand and Subordinate Lodge and one Grand and Subordinate Encampment; nor shall any Lodge or Encampment confer degrees upon any member of another Lodge or Encampment without the consent of the Lodge or Encampment to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

ARTICLE 13. When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have been duly chartered in any State, District, or Territory, all the Lodges and Encampments in said State, District, or Territory working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall thereafter be declared subordinate to, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of the State, District, or Territory in which they are located; and no Lodge or Encampment situated in one State, District, or Territory can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge or Encampment of another State, District, or Territory.

ARTICLE 14. No brother can be admitted to visit a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District, or Territory where he resides, unless he present a card or certificate under the signature of the officers and seal of the Lodge of which he is a member, and signed on the margin in his own proper hand-writing, and prove himself in the T. W. P. and in the degree in which the Lodge is open; provided, nevertheless, a brother may always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.

ARTICLE 15. At each annual session the Grand Sire shall appoint in each State, District, and Territory in which there is not a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment, an officer to be styled "District Deputy Grand Sire," whose duty it shall be to act as the special agent of this Grand Lodge in relation to the matters herein specified, namely:

1. To act for the Grand Sire, and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the particular district for which the D. D. Grand Sire may be appointed.

2. To act as the Representative of this Grand Lodge, and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his district as the Grand Sire shall direct.

3. To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire in relation to any thing which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

4. To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary, and obey the special directions of that officer.

5. To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments (in his district) which work under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

6. To make semi-annual reports of his acts and doings to the Grand Sire.

7. District Deputy Grand Sires shall in no case interfere, as officers of this Grand Lodge, with the State Grand Lodges or Encampments.

8. To qualify a brother for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Sire he must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of Past Grand and of the Royal Purple degree; and, in States where Grand Encampments may be established, he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment. The appointment of District Deputy Grand Sires shall be made at each annual session, to continue for one year, but they may be revoked for cause, during the recess, by the Grand Sire.

ARTICLE 16. The Representative or Representatives of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be examined by the Deputy Grand Sire as to their qualifications for the office, previous to taking seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States; and on taking their seats each shall be furnished by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order, and Laws of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 17. Each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall furnish its Representative or Representatives with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office.

ARTICLE 18. Each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, for its own use; and an equal number to be distributed amongst its Subordinates. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Encampment and Lodge working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 19. All dues and moneys for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE 20. All State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall enforce upon their Subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdictions. They shall neither adopt nor use, or suffer to be adopted or used in their jurisdictions, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation, or regalia than those prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE 21. All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction may at all times open and close their meetings with prayer.

ARTICLE 22. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Aprons and collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes;

Chaplain, white sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons either white trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand Officers and Past Grands of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and for Patriarchs who have attained the Royal Purple degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet; the trimmings to be of yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

P. G. Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States to wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Representatives and Past Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

ARTICLE 23. At the appointed hour, the Grand Sire shall take the chair and organize the meeting by directing the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to call the names of the officers of this Grand Lodge. After which the Secretary shall make report of the number of Grand Bodies from which Representatives are present; when, if a quorum be present, the Grand Sire shall call on the Grand Chaplain to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer. The Deputy Grand Sire shall then examine the Representatives present, and report to the Grand Sire, and, if correct, the Grand Sire shall direct the members to clothe themselves with their regalia and take their seats, after which the Deputy Grand Sire, at the request of the Grand Sire, shall proclaim the Lodge duly opened. The business of the session shall then be taken up as provided in the Rules of Order; and when the business is concluded, the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Grand Lodge duly closed.

ARTICLE 24. State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge Degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view to increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair—the said degree having been designed as a reward for faithful service in the Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE 25. Past Officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken, if they think proper to appear in such regalia.

ARTICLE 26. The T. P. W. is designed only for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong; and, in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden of an Encampment, are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to give or receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State and their regular Deputies should also be in possession of it.

ARTICLE 27. The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge commences on the first day of July and terminates on the thirtieth of June.

ARTICLE 28. The charters of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which fail to make their returns for one year, shall be forfeited, and whenever such remissness occurs the Grand Sire shall take proper measures to enforce the law.

ARTICLE 29. That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Cincinnati, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of McGowan & Treadwell's edition of the first volume, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon. That a standing committee be appointed at the commencement of every session, in the same manner as other standing committees, whose duty it shall be to open and decide upon such proposals as may have been made to do any of the printing of this body, and report their decision and the terms of their contract to the Grand Lodge, for its approval and confirmation.

ARTICLE 30. The Grand Lodge of the United States will neither entertain nor consider any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages

of the Order, unless the same be brought before the Body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE 31. All former laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of these general laws are hereby repealed.

*Rules of Order submitted by the Committee.*

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavil there shall be a general silence.

2. The business shall be taken up in the following order: The Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.

3. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary will report on the certificates of Representatives, which shall be referred to a committee.

4. The minutes of the last annual and intervening meetings shall be read and passed upon.

5. The Report of the Grand Sire as to his acts and doings during the recess of this Grand Lodge shall be presented.

6. The annual reports of the Grand Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be presented.

7. The officers elect shall be installed into their respective offices.

8. The Grand Sire shall then appoint the following committees, each to consist of three members, viz: Committee on the State of the Order; Legislative Committee; Committee on Correspondence; Committee on Finance; Committee on Appeals; Committee on Constitutions; Committee on Petitions; Committee on Returns; Committee on Printing; Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

9. Petitions shall be presented, read, and referred.

10. Other communications shall be presented and read.

11. The above order of business may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Lodge.

12. No motion shall be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated by the chair. It shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

15. When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to refer, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend; and the motions just enumerated shall take precedence in the order of enumeration. The first three shall be decided without debate.

16. On a call of Representatives of three States, Districts, or Territories, a majority of the Lodge may demand that the previous question shall be put, which shall always be in this form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*" and, until it be decided, no further debate shall take place, and the vote shall be taken, first on any amendments that may be pending, and next on the final question.

17. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the Lodge, without debate.

18. Before putting a question, the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Lodge are ready for the question, he shall rise and put it. While the presiding officer is putting a question, or addressing the Lodge, none shall walk out of or across the room, nor entertain private discourse; and after he shall have risen to put it, no member shall speak upon it.

19. The presiding officer, or any member doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Lodge, but a division cannot be called for after the Chair has announced the result of a vote.

20. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote unless clothed in regalia according to his rank and station, and occupying his seat at the place designated for him.

21. During the progress of a ballot for an officer, no motion can be entertained, or debate or explanation permitted.

22. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

23. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer; and while speaking he shall confine himself to the question in debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as all reflections upon the Lodge or any of its members.

24. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor. And no member shall interrupt or disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

25. If a member while speaking shall be called to order, he shall at the request of the chair take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

26. The decisions of the chair on points of order may be appealed from by any member, and in such cases the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"

27. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

28. When a petition, memorial, or communication is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the chair; and, after it has been read, a brief notice of its report shall be entered upon the journal.

29. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

30. Any member may call for the division of a question when the sense will admit.

31. Any member who voted with the majority may call for a reconsideration of a vote at the same session at which it was passed; and,

if sustained by a majority of all the votes, the reconsideration shall be carried.

32. No matter shall be considered at any morning session of the Grand Lodge until all the committees shall have had an opportunity of presenting reports; and the Grand Sire shall call for the reports of committees in the order of their appointment.

33. A committee appointed at one session to perform a duty are bound to report, although some of the members of the committee have ceased to be members of this body.

34. Any member has a right to protest, and to have his protest spread upon the journal.

35. Every member is bound to vote, serve on committees, and accept nominations, unless excused by vote.

36. No member shall be allowed to cast his vote after a ballot has been announced by the Chair unless by unanimous consent.

37. The report of no committee shall be acted upon on the day of its presentation, except reports from the Committee on Credentials; provided that subjects improperly referred may, without a suspension of this rule, be referred to the appropriate committee.

33. No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time; that is, an amendment, and an amendment to an amendment, and the question shall be first taken on the latter.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the committee to whom the Constitution was referred for the purpose of proposing amendments thereto, submitted the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, member of a committee elected by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last annual session to report such amendments to the Constitution of this R. W. Body as they might deem required by the Order, would respectfully ask leave to present the following statement as a supplemental report to that already presented by a majority of the committee.

In consequence of illness it was entirely out of the power of the undersigned to meet the committee in Baltimore on the 29th of last month, the time appointed by its chairman; but, in order that the committee might avail themselves of the views and ideas of the undersigned, a draft of a new constitution was prepared and forwarded to the chairman of the committee, by whom it was presented, with the several drafts made by the different members of the committee, and received that consideration that its merits required.

The draft presented to-day by a majority of your committee was the result of a compromise from the several drafts made by the different members of the committee, and although there are some features in the present draft which, in the opinion of the undersigned, leave a margin for further improvement, yet still, taken as a whole, it more clearly defines and limits the power and duties of the Grand Lodge of

the United States, and vests in the different State Grand Bodies all power and authority not reserved in the new Constitution. This prominent feature is more in accordance with the progressive spirit of our institution, and will meet the views of those whose desire has been to make all State Grand Bodies to a certain extent supreme within their respective limits for all local legislation and appellate jurisdiction. There are other features in the new draft which will commend themselves to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, and which do not come within the object of this communication to be especially referred to. The undersigned asks permission to make this statement for what might otherwise seem to be a neglect to perform an honorable and important duty, entrusted in part to him by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The undersigned would respectfully ask permission to have his name appended to the report already presented by a majority of your committee. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, from the select committee to which was referred at the last session the subject of Dues and Benefits, made the following report, which, with the accompanying tables, was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:**

The committee appointed at the last session, and charged with the duty of inquiring into the true relations that should subsist between dues and benefits, and instructed to report a table showing, upon the established principles of life and health insurance, what amount of benefits will accrue from a given amount of dues at each year of age from twenty-one to sixty, submit the following report:

Aware of the magnitude of the work before them, and deeply sensible of its importance and necessity, your committee engaged in its performance at an an early day after the close of the last session. They have availed themselves of every accessible means of statistical information, and, with whatever of science they could command, have labored diligently to perfect the work assigned them; and they have the satisfaction of believing that the results at which they have arrived, though doubtless imperfect in some respects, are nevertheless as near the precise truth as they can be brought, until the light of further experience shall have furnished the data for more exact and reliable calculations.

In its material aspect and its monetary arrangements, our Order is a widely extended organization, founded upon the principle of guarantyism or assurance; and its practical operations are no more or less than an insurance upon the life and health of its members. Its provisions for the sick are an insurance upon health, and its arrangements for the benefit of widows and orphans are an insurance upon life. The question submitted to your committee is, therefore, purely a question

* Entered according to Act of Congress.—J. D WILLIAMSON.

of practical science; and must be treated upon the same principles that apply to the insurance of life and health in all cases. It is obvious to the meanest capacity that an error here is a capital error; and that the only safety to the Order, in all time to come, as well as the only assurance its members and beneficiaries can have that they shall receive the stipulated advantages, must rest upon the fact that there is a just and scientific proportion between the benefits promised and the sources from which the means of payment are derived. If the dues paid are so graduated as to equal the benefits promised and pay expenses, then our Order will stand as a safe and stable institution, faithful always to its promises, and able ever to meet all its engagements. But if we promise to pay a greater amount of benefits than the dues charged will produce, it requires no spirit of prophecy to foresee that bankruptcy and ruin will be the result. It is therefore evident the investigation on which your committee have entered bears directly upon the vital interests of our Order, and touches the fundamental principles on which its continued existence as a solvent institution must depend. It lays its finger upon the pulse of that great body of which we form a part, and asks whether its life current flows healthfully and in sufficient abundance to infuse energy through every limb, and make every muscle strong and vigorous, to battle with danger and defy even the encroachments of age, or whether its blood is slowly wasting away, and the pulsation of its heart growing weaker and weaker, indicating that it will soon be still in death, and the form now so beautiful be consigned, a lifeless skeleton, to an unwept and unhonored grave? One or the other of these destinies most surely awaits our vast fraternity, and which it shall be depends entirely upon speedy and correct action in the premises. If we do not soon adjust our dues and benefits to the laws of nature, as developed in the rate of sickness and mortality, the fiat of Omnipotence is not more certain than the fact that ruin, hopeless and irretrievable, is coming, and blasted hopes, broken promises, and disappointed expectations are the harvest we shall reap; and our now honored institution must fall, amid the reproaches and execrations of those who have trusted its promises and discovered, too late, that they have leaned upon a broken staff. The laws of nature and the fixed principles of mathematical science will not bend to suit our convenience, or save us from the consequences of our errors. Diseases will prevail, and death will do its work by laws as rigorous as fate; and thus the ever-flowing tide will roll on, so that there is but one alternate: we must move with that tide, or be overwhelmed and swept away by its power. To us are committed, not merely the concerns of the present, but the destinies of the future. The interests of millions, who have not yet looked upon the sun in the firmament, are in our hands, and their advancing hosts are calling to us to note the stars, and mark the rocks and dangers that fill the way through which we must pass. Your committee beg leave to assure the Grand Lodge that they have done their best to meet the responsibility that has devolved upon them, in an attempt to mark out a chart by which the movements of the Order shall be regulated. In some respects they have been like

pilots in an unknown sea, and if they have failed at all, they are conscious that it has not been for want of zeal or industry in the performance of their arduous labors.

The first thing that strikes the attention of the scientific investigator, on approaching the question submitted to your committee, is the fact, that, as a general rule, our dues and benefits are graduated rather by the benevolent feelings of our members than by an accurate knowledge of the principles and laws of income and expenditure, by which an institution of this kind must be governed. Hence the singular fact, that, up to the present moment, with few exceptions, the great law of *increase* of risk and liability with age has been entirely overlooked, and our entire Order has been engaged in an attempt to adjust their dues and benefits to safe rates, on the principle of equal payments and equal benefits at every age; a thing which the merest tyro in the science of the actuary knows to be not only palpably unjust, but hopelessly impossible. Many years ago, Finlaison, the eminent actuary of the national debt of England, cautioned the friendly societies of that country against the unjust and fatal blunder of attempting to practice upon the principle of regular dues and benefits to men of different ages. That caution has been repeated by Ansell, Neison, Jones, and indeed by nearly all the scientific men whose attention has been called to the subject; and yet, until a comparatively recent date, many have with strange perversity adhered to the blunder; and our own Order, in this country, rejecting the counsels of wisdom and the demonstrations of science, has been in full chase of an *ignis fatuus*, in the form of a reliable and safe institution, which could insure the life and the health of the man of forty and the man of twenty years at the same rates.

If it be known that liability to sickness and the probability of death increases with age at all, it should be seen that the risk of insurance also increases with every year, and the only just and equitable mode of procedure is to charge each man the true value of the risks and liabilities that he brings with him into the Order. To attempt any other system is not only to disregard the rules of justice, but it is to undertake an utter impossibility, as the following will illustrate. If the value of an insurance in a given sum upon life and health be five dollars at twenty and ten dollars at forty, and if one hundred men, whose average age is thirty years, were to insure, it would seem that an equal rate of $7.50 per year from each man might answer the purpose, though it would cause the man of twenty years to pay $2.50 more than his insurance was worth, while the man of forty would pay $2.50 less than his fair proportion. But, notwithstanding this manifest injustice, the system might work with safety, provided there was no increase or decrease of members, and their relative ages remained the same. But if there should come into that fraternity, in the course of another year, one hundred other men, whose average age was forty, and who, instead of paying ten, should pay $7.50 each, the operation would be a losing concern. The whole machinery would be out of gear. The average age would now be more than thirty-three instead of thirty years, to which age the payments were adjusted; and a new rate of payment

must be adopted, or bankruptcy follow. And so it is that the adoption of any permanent and safe rate of dues, or the basis of equality of payments, in a society which is constantly losing old and receiving new members, irrespective of age, is utterly impossible. Your committee have not attempted to solve that problem. They know no alchemy which can make something out of nothing, or cause three and five to be equal, nor are they acquainted with any system of legerdemain by which our Order can make gain by insuring life and health on principles that would entail infallible ruin upon any ordinary life and health insurance company. Your committee have, therefore, endeavored to treat this subject as a matter of science, and their object has been to educe from the experience of the Order, by strict mathematical induction, the relation of dues and benefits, as called for by the operation of those laws and principles which are the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

The science of the actuary may be intricate, and its practice laborious, but when based upon sufficient and correct data, its results and conclusions are as demonstrable and immutable as the axiom "two and two are equal to four." How far the conclusions of your committee are thus reliable will appear as the means of their attainment are briefly explained.

There are some peculiarities in the insurance of Odd-Fellowship necessary to be noted, in order to lead to an appreciation of its true position. It combines life and health insurance, and, unlike any insurance company known to your committee, it takes no risks but such as cover the whole period of life. Between this kind of insurance and fire and marine insurance, and even that form of life and health insurance which contracts only for a limited and definite time, *there is no analogy whatever*, that can enable us to reason from one to the other. Marine and fire insurance recognise and are founded upon the doctrine of chances, and seek to provide against *accidents*, which, so far as we know, are regulated by no fixed and uniform laws—which may or may not happen. The company that issues a policy upon a house or a ship does not, and cannot *know* whether the amount of the policy will have to be paid or not. The *chances* are calculated, and on their number, *pro* and *con*, depends the value of the insurance. If the year passes and the house or the ship is safe, the contract ends at the stroke of the hammer upon the meridian bell—the gain is apparent, and the profit may be divided among the individuals, or upon the capital by which individual responsibility was guarantied. So of that form of life insurance which covers only a limited period, and then expires by its own limitation. It depends upon chances. If a company insures a man's life for one year, it is not known whether the sum insured will be called for or not. There may indeed be a regular and undeviating law of mortality applicable to large masses of men. It may be known that out of ten thousand men, of a given age, a certain number will die in a year. But so far as this individual is concerned, no man knows or can know whether *he* is one of those who, within that year, will be numbered among the dead. The chances must be calculated,

and on that basis rests the value of the insurance. If the year passes and the man is yet alive, the contract ends, and the profit is manifest. So also of that form of health insurance which is specifically limited in duration. If a company insures the health of an individual for one year, whether the sum guarantied will be demanded is a problem to be solved by the doctrine of chances. There may be a regular law of sickness which will apply to large numbers of men, making the average of sickness at this particular age so much per man. But whether this man will have his exact proportion, or more, or none at all, none can determine. Hence the *chances* must be calculated, and by them his rate of premium must be determined. If the year passes and he is not sick, the contract is ended, and the gain is evident.

But when we come to that form of life and health insurance which covers the whole term of life, we enter a field where the whole aspect of things is changed. We take leave of the doctrine of chances entirely, and base our calculations upon laws of nature that know no abatement, and must walk by rules from which there is not a hair's breadth of deviation. If a company insures a man's life for the whole term of its continuance, and engages to pay one thousand dollars at his death, happen when it may, the first fact to be dealt with is, that an absolute agreement has been made to pay one thousand dollars, and sooner or later it must be paid, because the man will die, and there is *no chance about it*. So of health insurance in a good degree. If a man's health is insured for a year, he may or he may not be sick during that time; but it would be strange indeed if a man were to spend his whole life without being sick; and surely it is not to be placed within the range of supposable cases that a large number of men should live their lives out without disease or accident, or be exempt from the ordinary laws of sickness. So then, in the one case, there is a certainty that every man will die, and that every dollar thus insured must be paid; and there is the highest probability, in the other, that the average rate of sickness will prevail, and the corresponding amount of disbursements have to be made. The certainties are that death and sickness will come—that the one will increase with every year of age, and the other advance, step by step, from the health of manhood to the feebleness of decrepit age. The question now to be solved is not, therefore, whether the contracts must be met, and the money be called for; but it is, WHEN will they mature, and *how fast* will the funds be wanted? The law of mortality and the rate of sickness upon an average, together with the increase of money at interest, furnish the data upon which the value of this kind of insurance must be estimated. And this is the insurance of the Order. We make no short contracts, for a year or a few years, to expire by their own limitation. But we receive a member as a man takes his wife, "for better or worse," for life and until death. We know that he will die, and we agree to pay a certain sum when he dies. We have a law of nature to assure us that he will be sick; and we promise to pay him certain benefits during his sickness. *When* he will die, and *how much* he will be sick, we do not know; and, so far as our arrangements are concerned, it is no

matter whether these questions as applied to an individual are answered or not. For our practical purposes, it is of no consequence *who* it is that dies or is sick. It suffices to know the *law* and the *rate* of sickness and mortality. Enough it is to be sure that there is a law at work which will produce a certain amount of sickness and death in a given time. Knowing this, we know how much we must pay, though we do not know the precise individuals who will be entitled to receive it. Knowing how much we must pay at any future date, and in all intermediate points of time, and knowing also the rate at which money accumulates at interest, it is easy to determine the sum we must pay *now*, and at every subsequent year, in order to meet our liabilities as they mature, not by chance, but by the regular operation of the laws of nature. If sickness and death increase with every advancing year of age, and a rate of payment is to be fixed that shall remain the same through life, it will be understood of course that this rate must be considerably above what is necessary for the time being. If an insurance in a given sum at twenty years of age, for instance, is worth five dollars, and at eighty years the risk has increased to twenty dollars per year, it is easy to see that the permanent rate of payment must be more than five dollars. It must, in fact, be so much more than five dollars that the excess annually paid, forborne and improved at interest, will, at the age of eighty years, added to the five dollars, amount to twenty dollars per annum, the then present value of the insurance. Hence it is indispensable that in the first years of an institution of this kind there should be a large accumulation of funds, over and above current expenses, laid up and improved, while the payments are above the value of insurance for the time being, in order to meet the deficiency that is sure to come with the increasing risks and liabilities of age.

For this reason, nothing is more deceptive to the eye of the casual observer than the operations of the first few years of an institution which insures for life, and whose members are mostly young. The current rates of mortality and sickness are low, and the premiums paid are above the value of the insurance at the present age of its members. The result is that funds accumulate, and they imagine that the institution is making money and is safe for all time to come. And so it would be, if the contracts ended with each year, and no responsibility was assumed for the future. But the truth is, we have made a contract for life, and that contract must be fulfilled in old age as well as youth. Time is rolling on—diseases are augmenting their power to annoy—the scythe of death swings in broader and deeper circles with every year of advancement in age; and the time is coming, with steady pace and unwearied tread, when the payments that are now more than adequate to meet the contracts that mature, will be found inadequate to the increased and increasing sickness and mortality. Then shall we find use for the funds that should have been saved in the day of youth and prosperity, and then will bankruptcy come, unless these funds shall have been gathered and reserved for this purpose. Thus it is quite possible for an institution to present the superficial appearance of unusual prosperity, to have large and increasing funds, at the same

time that it is travelling the road to ruin with a movement as steady and infallible as that of the globe in its orbit. It satisfies not the scientific investigator to be told that an institution of this kind is, for the time being, accumulating money; but he asks the more significant question, does the increase of funds equal, and will it continue to equal, the increase of sickness and mortality? The experience of our Order is, in this respect, somewhat peculiar; and many causes have combined to render its past history and present condition deceptive, as an index to the future, especially to those who have not taken the pains to examine thoroughly, and submit it to the test of mathematical calculation. Hitherto the great mass of the Order has been composed of men in the prime and vigor of life, when disease is at or near its minimum, and the rate of mortality low. The expenditures on account of sickness and death have been comparatively light. Besides, there has been a freshness of zeal among the members which has induced many who have actually been sick to omit calling for their benefits; so that the full amount of actual sickness does not appear upon our records, and the drafts upon our treasury have been less than justice itself would have warranted.

Again: there has been a constant and rapid influx of new members, which has disturbed or rendered nearly nugatory the law of increase of sickness and mortality by age, so far as its manifestation is concerned. The initiates have been young men, or those who were in the prime of life, for the greater part; and those who have forfeited membership have been more advanced in age. On account of the operation of these causes, it is impossible to determine how much ten years has added to the average age of our members, or whether indeed the average is now greater than it was at the commencement of the last decade. This only do we know, multitudes of men have come in, who are for the most part below middle age, and many have gone out; and the latter, as a general rule, are older than the former; but how the average age of the present compares with the past we do not know. In addition to the above, it is to be remembered that the income from initiation fees and degrees has been enormous during this extraordinary influx of members. More than two hundred and fifty thousand men have been initiated into the Order in the United States during the ten years past, and the payment for initiations and degrees from this large number has swelled our income to an amount considerably above what it will be per member in future years. If we estimate that the average paid for initiations and degrees has been ten dollars each, then we have the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars as the income derived from these sources; and that is so much over and above what the same men will pay for ten years to come, provided they remain in the Order, and there is no change in the rate of regular dues. With this extraordinary revenue, and our rates of sickness and mortality low, and kept low by a constant influx of young men, it is not surprising that there should be an appearance of great prosperity and an abundant treasury. But three things are certain. The two hundred thousand men now in the Order will not, under the present system, pay

two million five hundred thousand dollars, over and above their ordinary dues, for ten years to come. The income per member will therefore decrease, while the expenditures for sickness and mortality will increase, and the end of the next decade will find us verging upon the time when our current receipts will not equal our expenditures. If then it shall appear that the surplus funds that came into our treasury in the day of our prosperity, and which should have been funded and improved to meet the increased outgoes of the future, have been squandered in gilded baubles, bitter and terrible will be the retribution that awaits us. The causes above enumerated have induced a momentary prosperity, which has lulled the masses of our fraternity into a slumber, in which golden dreams flit before the imagination; and it is difficult to awaken them to a perception of the truth that the gorgeous vision they so much admire is a phantom, that "leads to bewilder and dazzles to blind." That your committee are sounding no false alarm in the premises will appear evident from the following statements.

According to the returns from the Lodges, in answer to the circular to which allusion has been made, the average amount of benefits paid to the sick is $3.51 per week. The table of general results (H) shows that the average amount paid for the last ten years on account of each death is seventy-eight dollars. The Order, therefore, insures the health of each and every member in the sum of $3.51 per week during sickness; and life for the amount of seventy-eight dollars, payable at death, happen when it may. What is the real value of this assurance of life and health? The average age of the members is a fraction over thirty-three years. By reference to table F it will be seen that a life assurance at that age for seventy-eight dollars is worth $1.66 per annum, and an insurance upon health at the same age for the sum of $3.51 per week is worth $5.02. Put these together and we have $6.70 as the actual value of the assurance granted to each member. With this sum paid annually, the current expenses being twenty per cent, and the surplus over and above the passing losses constantly invested and improved at five per cent. compound interest, the Order can meet its engagements up to the death of its last member now living. How much are the members paying for this insurance? The returns received by your committee show that the average dues to each member is $4.38 per year. The table (H) shows that the total amount paid per member annually, for ten years past, has been $6.94. The difference is due to the fact that the table includes, not only the regular dues, but also all payments for initiations and degrees, and the indication is that the excess of $2.56 annually per member, over the amount of the regular dues, is derived from fees for degrees and initiations. The total number of annual payments made during the last ten years is 1,172,821. Allow $2.56 to each of these, and we have the sum of $3,002,421 as the total amount derived from initiations and degrees. Large as this sum appears, it will not be deemed extravagant when it is considered that there has been during this decade 258,609 initiations, at a price varying from five to twenty-five dollars each, and that the five degrees are conferred at equal rates. Deduct the $3,002,421 from

the total revenue, and we have $5,138,015 as the total of the proceeds from the regular dues to the lodges. It is to be remembered that of the 195,134 members now in the Order, as per report of 1852, all are initiated, and the greater part have taken their degrees; so that, for the future, their payments will only be $4.38 per annum instead of $6.94, as heretofore, there being no more fees for initiations and degrees. But the value of their insurance is $6.70 per year, and the deficiency of their payments for the current year will be $452,710; that is, they will pay $4.38 each or $854,686, whereas they ought to pay $6.70 each, or a total of $1,307,396. How is this deficiency to be met? It is to occur at every subsequent year, and should be met in some way. Possibly the men now in the Order may pay $100,000 for degrees this year, and thus reduce the deficit to $352,710. Be it so. Thus the sum of $352,710 remains against the Order. It ought to be met by income of funds in hand. The present value of an annuity at thirty-three years of age for $352,710 is $790,969, and this is the sum that the Order should now have invested at five per cent. compound interest, to enable it to meet its engagements. How much she has in hand is not known. The total revenue for ten years has been $8,140,436. The expenditures for sickness and mortality have been $3,023,222, and if the current expenses have been no more than twenty per cent. or $1,628,087, this added to the $3,023,232 makes $4,651,319, which deduct from the total revenue, and the remainder is $3,489,117 as the balance in hand, or less than the engagements call for in the sum of $1,582,752. In other words, the Order, in the language of the science of the actuary, is bankrupt to that amount. If it be said that the deficiency for the current year will be made up by initiations and other fees from new members, the answer is, the new members will need the full benefit of their own payments, and to draw upon them to make up past arrearages is to do them injustice, for no other purpose than to postpone the evil day, and make the ruin more wide when it comes, as come it surely must. The above calculations put the best possible construction upon the case, and the results fall far short of the actual truth.

Once more your committee would utter their warning, not in the fearful tones of the alarmist, but in the calm, clear voice of absolute science itself, whose authority none can gainsay or successfully controvert. The *time is coming*, with a march as uniform as the movement of the spheres, when the full weight of this mountain of evil will be upon us; and there is no alternative, no avenue of escape, but in a speedy revision of our scale of dues and benefits, and a scientific adjustment of their relations to the laws of nature and the lessons of experience. While your committee would proclaim this truth in the ear of every member of our vast fraternity, and vouch for its verity upon all the responsibility that belongs to them, they would not fail to accompany it with the hopeful word that our doom is not yet sealed, nor is it too late to retrieve the errors of the past.

To bring order out of the chaos that now reigns over our system of dues and benefits; to infuse harmony into this confusion; to indi-

cate the path of safety, and erect some solid landmarks to guide the future traveler; and to establish that just proportion between income and expenditure which shall enable our Order to meet all its engagements, in all time to come, has been the anxious labor of your committee through many toilsome days and nights, and even weeks and months. At every step of progress embarrassment has been felt from the want of exact and reliable vital statistics on which to found the necessary calculations. In the department of life insurance there were in hand the Life Tables of Dr. Halley, first published in 1693; the Northampton Tables of Dr. Price, founded upon the register of deaths in the Parish of All Saints, extending through a period of forty-four years, from 1735 onward; the Carlisle Tables, by Mr. Milne, from the observations of Dr. Heysham on deaths at Carlisle; the British Government Table, prepared by Mr. Finlaison, actuary of the national debt, founded upon the experience of the government annuitants; the Equitable Societies' Tables, by Mr. Davis and Mr. Morgan, drawn from the experience of the society, from 1762 to 1825; and the Baltimore Tables, by Prof. M'Cay, founded upon the record of interments in Baltimore, Md., from 1826 to 1848. In the department of health insurance were the following: The Highland Societies' Tables; Mr. Ansell's Tables, founded upon the experience of Friendly Societies; Mr. Neison's Tables, drawn from an experience of more than a million years of human life; and the Tables of Mr. Ratcliffe, founded upon the experience of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd-Fellows. It will be observed that these tables, with a single exception, are based upon the experience of a foreign land, and to assume that they present the exact law of sickness and mortality *in this country* would subject your committee to the charge of building upon an untried and unsafe foundation. It was determined, therefore, to attempt the arduous and almost hopeless task of gathering together the facts and principles that are presented in the experience of the Order, and adjusting our dues and benefits to the lessons of that experience, as far as it could be made available. It was foreseen that statistics in this quarter were meager, and that they were deficient upon the very points most needed, to wit, the age of the members, the amount of dues and benefits paid per member, and the cost of current expenses. To supply this deficiency as far as possible your committee, at an early day after the last session, issued a circular soliciting from the lodges information upon the points above noted. This circular the publishers of the Golden Rule kindly inserted in their columns, and distributed gratuitously to all the lodges in the Union. Your committee regret to say that but a small portion of the lodges felt sufficient interest in the matter to respond to the inquiries made. The answers received represent between fifteen and twenty thousand only of our members. They are, however, scattered over all the States, and through cities and country towns, and may be presumed to present a fair index of the whole. Meantime, the statistics of the Order in this country, as presented in the annual reports made to this body, commencing with 1843, were revised, collected, and submitted to a careful analysis; and tables were

framed showing the entire operations of the Order in each separate State and in the United States, in each year, for the decade here named Prepared and preserved as these reports have been, without any design of applying them to the purposes of a committee like the present, it is not at all remarkable that they were found imperfect. On the contrary, the wonder is that they *happened* to be available at all. Typographical errors were found numerous, and omissions of important items in the State reports frequent. These errors must be corrected, and these omissions supplied in the best manner possible, or whole reports must be rejected. This was found a delicate and difficult task, and though it could not in all cases be performed with perfect accuracy, yet it is believed to be so far correct that no material error in the general results will accrue from the imperfections that may remain.

Thus furnished with all accessible data, your committee were as well prepared as they could be to make their calculations. It is manifest that having the average of the members of our Order in this country for one year only, but one point of contrast could be gained between our experience and the English tables, and that point is at the age of thirty-three years and a fraction, which is the average age of our constituary for the year 1852. On consulting the mortality of the Order for that year, it appeared that the deaths were only a small fraction less than the number called for by the Carlisle Table of mortality, which is the table usually adopted by the insurance companies of this country. A coincidence so remarkable shows the wonderful uniformity of the movements of the great law by which the men of every nation are removed from this earthly sphere, and adds confirmation to the already well established fact of the general accuracy of the table above noted. The committee no longer hesitated to assume that table as the nearest approximation to the exact truth to which they could find access. On that basis, therefore, the calculations of your committee were made, so far as the matter of life insurance is concerned.

In the department of health insurance the English tables were united and their combined results noted, and the experience of the Order in this country compared with this result at the only accessible point of contact, to wit, at the age of thirty-three years. The comparison shows that, at the age, the sickness reported in our Order is much less than the amount called for by the English tables. The discrepancy may be accounted for, in part at least, by the fact that with us the rule is uniform to take note of no sickness that does not continue a full week; and also by the well known fact, that in this country the instances are frequent in which sick benefits are neither claimed nor paid; so that the full amount of actual sickness does not appear in our records. Perhaps something of this discrepancy is also due to the circumstance that the *time* of sickness is not put down in our reports, and the only clue to it is contained in the statement of the number of the sick and the *amount* paid, as connected with the average benefits per week. Whether these causes will continue to operate, so as to perpetuate this discrepancy in the future, remains to be seen. At all events, it is not the business of your committee to attempt to change the experience of

the past. They must take it as they find it, and proceed accordingly. Having only one point of contact between our own experience and that of our transatlantic brethren, it was necessary to take that as the starting point, and assume that the law of *increase* of sickness with age is the same with us as with them. On this basis the table of sickness for each age is founded, and on it the calculations have been made. This much of abatement must be made from the absolute reliability of the rates of dues and benefits reported. Inasmuch as the increase of sickness with age may differ in this country from that of England, by that much may these tables vary from the exact truth.

It is due in justice to your committee that they should make the following statement. All their calculations have been made with great care, but such is the amount of time and labor they have cost that it has been found impossible to perform the work of verifying them by a thorough and careful revision. Your committee cannot therefore positively affirm that no errors have crept into their calculations, in any of the problems they have found it necessary to solve, but they feel perfectly confident that there are none that would materially affect the results at which they have arrived. The tables and statistics constructed and employed by your committee are appended to this report, and submitted to the Grand Lodge for preservation and future reference, as well as for the convenience of any who may desire to test the accuracy of their calculations. There is a word of caution that your committee must not fail to utter. It is not to be taken for granted that the rates of dues and benefits reported can be indiscriminately adopted by all lodges, under all circumstances. The tables show only the *average*, but it is quite possible that a lodge may be so situated as to render it hazardous in the extreme to assume that average as *their* proper rate. Thus a lodge may be small, and in that case the current expenses would be greater in proportion than in a large lodge. Again, a lodge may be in an unhealthy location, and therefore require higher dues; and from these and other causes it may occur that it will be found indispensably necessary to vary from the tables by the amount of twenty or even thirty per cent. In adjusting the rates of dues and benefits to different localities, the tables showing the workings of the Order in the different States will be found useful, if not absolutely necessary. Your committee, in consideration of the above, have thought proper to accompany their tables with such explanations and directions for their use as would afford a safe guide to those who should wish to adopt them as the basis of their future operations.

That the present condition and future prosperity of the Order, and even its continued existence as a solvent institution, call imperiously for a speedy, thorough, and universal revision of our present system of dues and benefits, your committee have no doubt. The question of the *means* by which an end so desirable is to be obtained is one that demands most serious consideration. That this Grand Lodge cannot legislate directly for the Subordinate Lodges, except perhaps in matters pertaining to the work of the Order, is an admitted fact. But your committee respectfully submit that it is competent for this R. W.

Body to prohibit the Grand Lodges under her jurisdiction from granting charters, or confirming Constitutions and By-Laws, or continuing to sanction the proceedings of Subordinate Lodges, whose work is subversive of the best interests of the Order, and tending to entail upon it dishonor and pecuniary ruin. The State Grand Lodges might be required to fix the line beyond which their Subordinates shall not go, in the adjustment of the proportion between dues and benefits. This many of the State Grand Lodges have already done, and they might be required to revise their legislation upon that subject, so as to conform to the principles of science and the maxims of experience, in which alone there is safety.

The arrangement of fees for initiation and degrees is also a matter that should claim the attention of our fraternity. So far as degrees are concerned, they are mere honors or distinctions in the Order, and where they confer no additional claim upon the benefits they may be conferred at uniform rates, upon men of different ages. But where they are made the basis of a claim for additional benefits, there is an imperious necessity that due respect should be had to the ages of the persons upon whom they are conferred, and the price regulated accordingly. Your committee have made no calculations upon this head, because they believe that it would be the wisest course to hold all moneys derived from degrees, fines, &c. as a contingent fund, to be devoted to purposes of charity, or used in possible cases of extraordinary sickness and mortality. But if it should be deemed advisable to place fees for degrees upon the same footing as other dues, the matter can be adjusted after the manner indicated in the explanations accompanying this report. Of fees for initiation it may be said that they also should be arranged equitably. If they go into a charity fund, to be used as above noted, then they may be uniform, and need not be high; but if they are depended upon as a part of the income from which the regular benefits are to be paid, then there is the plainest necessity, and the most stern demand of justice, that they should be graduated by the age of the initiate. In the latter case the initiation fee should be received as an advance payment in full of the funeral benefit guarantied, and graduated accordingly, or be placed to the credit of the individual as payment for an annuity, to lessen yearly payments to the amount of its annual value. The method of this arrangement is also explained in the accompanying directions.

Your committee will also advert to the fact that the practice generally prevails of paying a certain amount to brothers on the death of a wife. But in vain have they searched for any corresponding income. It is presumed that no insurance company that should take risks upon the lives of persons of whose age, health, and condition the officers were utterly ignorant, could maintain its standing a single year as having even respectable pretensions to a share of public confidence. And yet this is precisely what our Order is doing. When a man is initiated into the Order, we may or may not know whether he has a wife. If he has, she may be old and infirm, or sick, with one foot in the grave, at the moment; nevertheless we take a risk upon her life, and promise to pay a considerable sum at her death. It requires no

argument to show how utterly such a course is opposed to the dictates of common prudence and justice; and your committee will content themselves with an expression of their decided conviction that a procedure so fraught with danger ought speedily to be abandoned, once and forever. If the case occurs where a man needs aid, on account of expense incurred by the sickness or death of his companion, let him receive a donation from funds provided for that purpose, but let no risk on any life be taken at random, and without an equivalent. The sober truth is, justice and safety alike demand that every *man should pay the equitable value of all the risk and liability that he brings with him into the Order*, and no institution that disregards this principle can prosper, or even live for a long time. Sooner or later, it must fall under the weight of obligations that it cannot meet.

The experience of your committee, and the embarrassments under which they have labored, have determined them to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the importance of taking immediate measures for the collection and preservation, the collation and arrangement of those vital statistics, which are so necessary to guide us in all time to come. Our Order can furnish the experience of nearly two hundred thousand years of human life in a single year. It can lay its finger upon the precise amount of sickness and mortality that shall occur, at every year of age, in that vast circle of human experience; and in ten years it can gather a mass of facts and statistics such as the world does not contain. Surely this enormous amount of experience, with its lessons of wisdom, so necessary for us and so useful to the cause of science, should not be lost to ourselves and the world. It would be a waste of opportunity, a neglect of the treasures of truth, for which the ages of the future might justly reproach us as unfaithful to the best interests of our race.

Your committee therefore submit that it is expedient for this Grand Lodge to direct the several State Grand Lodges to require their Subordinates, at the end of each fiscal year, to make an additional report, to be called the Actuary's Report, to embrace such vital statistics as are indicated in the form herewith submitted; that the said report should be made in duplicate, and a copy thereof forthwith forwarded to the proper officer of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee are also of the opinion that an additional officer of this Grand Lodge should be appointed or elected, to be called the R. W. Grand Actuary, to have the charge and supervision of this department of the Order—to collate, arrange, and revise the statistics of his department, and report them, together with the scientific deductions and results, at each annual session of this Grand Lodge. To your committee this seems a feasible and easy method of preserving the experience of every year, and rendering its teachings and developments available for guidance in the future. If the expense of this movement were a consideration worthy to be named in opposition to its immense advantages, it might be replied, in truth, that the publication of the report of the Actuary at intervals of a few, say three or five years, in condensed form, as a contribution to a science in which the civilized world is daily becoming more and more interested, would more than

remunerate the Grand Lodge for the expense incurred. Inasmuch as the transition from the present system to the one proposed, in case it should be adopted, would be a work of some delicacy, and not without difficulty in hands unskilled in the science of assurance, the lodges might be authorized to consult the R. W. Grand Actuary, and even to appeal to him in all matters pertaining to the adjustment of the proportion of dues and benefits under peculiar circumstances.

Regretting the imperfections that may remain in their work, your committee part with it with no small degree of anxiety as to its fate, and the results to which it may tend. Deeply imbued with a sense of the vast importance of the subject, and of speedy and judicious action in the premises; surrounded with embarrassments, and having in many cases but a mere hint where an explicit truth was needed; and in the face of difficulties that might have caused less sanguine minds to abandon the matter as hopeless, your committee have toiled on, sparing no labor or pains, and have brought their work to the degree of perfection in which it now stands; and they invoke upon it your earnest, careful, and patient consideration and deliberate action.

In accordance with the views above presented, your committee respectfully submit the subjoined resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction to direct their Subordinates so to arrange or alter, if necessary their scale of dues and benefits, that the amount of dues to any given amount of benefits shall in no case be less than twenty per cent. above the mathematical value of such assurance as exhibited in the tables herewith submitted.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction be and they are hereby directed to require their Subordinates to report at the end of each fiscal year the following particulars: The number of members at each year of age, from twenty-one to the oldest member; the number of sick at each year of age, from twenty-one upward, and the duration of their sickness respectively in weeks; the number of deaths at each age as above; the revenue of the lodge; the amount paid on sick and mortality account; the amount paid for current expenses exclusive of benefits, and the total amount of funds belonging to the lodge invested and on hand. The said items to be arranged according to the form herewith submitted. The report to be called the Actuary's Report, to be separate from the report required by existing laws, and to be made in duplicate, one copy to be retained in the office of the State Grand Lodge, and the other to be forwarded by the Secretary thereof to the proper officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Resolved*, That an additional officer of this Grand Lodge be elected, to be called the R. W. Grand Actuary, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the department of vital statistics and of the Actuary's reports; to collate, preserve, and arrange the same, and report thereon at each annual session of this Grand Lodge; to give counsel and assistance to lodges that may consult him upon matters pertaining to the science of assurance as applied to the practical operations of the Order; to report from time to time upon the rate of sickness and mortality, and the adequacy or inadequacy of the existing rates of dues to meet the obligations of the Order, and point out and recommend such changes, if any, as experience may indicate as being necessary. The said officer to hold his office for not less than.... years, and make out at the end of that time a final and general report, embodying the results of its experience, as they bear upon the financial operations of the Order.

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*Tables accompanying the foregoing Report.*

TABLE A.

*Average of sickness expressed in weeks and decimals.*

| Age. | Duration of sickness. | Age. | Duration of sickness. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | .448 | 46 | .992 |
| 22 | .452 | 47 | 1.043 |
| 23 | .457 | 48 | 1.093 |
| 24 | .461 | 49 | 1.143 |
| 25 | .465 | 50 | 1.214 |
| 26 | .469 | 51 | 1.331 |
| 27 | .473 | 52 | 1.437 |
| 28 | .477 | 53 | 1.522 |
| 29 | .492 | 54 | 1.608 |
| 30 | .501 | 55 | 1.724 |
| 31 | .524 | 56 | 1.991 |
| 32 | .542 | 57 | 2.187 |
| 33 | .565 | 58 | 2.353 |
| 34 | .578 | 59 | 2.519 |
| 35 | .596 | 60 | 2.765 |
| 36 | .623 | 61 | 3.196 |
| 37 | .648 | 62 | 3.883 |
| 38 | .669 | 63 | 3.891 |
| 39 | .690 | 64 | 4.199 |
| 40 | .711 | 65 | 4.606 |
| 41 | .772 | 66 | 5.630 |
| 42 | .806 | 67 | 6.370 |
| 43 | .841 | 68 | 7.010 |
| 44 | .875 | 69 | 7.650 |
| 45 | .909 | 70 | 8.290 |

TABLE B.

*Mortality and Expectation of Life.—Carlisle.*

| Age. | Number alive.* | Deaths. | Expectation of life. | Age. | Number alive. | Deaths. | Expectation of life. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 6,047 | 42 | 40.75 | 46 | 4,657 | 69 | 23.82 |
| 22 | 6,005 | 42 | 40.04 | 47 | 4,588 | 67 | 23.17 |
| 23 | 5,963 | 42 | 39.31 | 48 | 4,521 | 63 | 22.51 |
| 24 | 5,921 | 42 | 38.59 | 49 | 4,458 | 61 | 21.81 |
| 25 | 5,879 | 43 | 37.86 | 50 | 4,397 | 59 | 21.11 |
| 26 | 5,836 | 43 | 37.14 | 51 | 4,338 | 62 | 20.39 |
| 27 | 5,793 | 45 | 36.41 | 52 | 4,276 | 65 | 19.68 |
| 28 | 5,748 | 50 | 35.69 | 53 | 4,211 | 68 | 18.97 |
| 29 | 5,698 | 56 | 35.00 | 54 | 4,143 | 70 | 18.28 |
| 30 | 5,642 | 57 | 34.34 | 55 | 4,073 | 73 | 17.58 |
| 31 | 5,585 | 57 | 33.68 | 56 | 4,000 | 76 | 16.89 |
| 32 | 5,528 | 56 | 33.03 | 57 | 3,924 | 82 | 16.21 |
| 33 | 5,472 | 55 | 32.36 | 58 | 3,842 | 93 | 15.55 |
| 34 | 5,417 | 55 | 31.68 | 59 | 3,749 | 106 | 14.92 |
| 35 | 5,362 | 55 | 31.00 | 60 | 3,643 | 122 | 14.34 |
| 36 | 5,307 | 56 | 30.32 | 61 | 3,521 | 126 | 13.82 |
| 37 | 5,251 | 57 | 29.64 | 62 | 3,395 | 127 | 13.31 |
| 38 | 5,194 | 58 | 28.96 | 63 | 3,268 | 125 | 12.81 |
| 39 | 5,136 | 61 | 28.28 | 64 | 3,143 | 125 | 12.30 |
| 40 | 5,075 | 66 | 27.61 | 65 | 3,018 | 124 | 11.79 |
| 41 | 5,009 | 69 | 26.97 | 66 | 2,894 | 123 | 11.27 |
| 42 | 4,940 | 71 | 26.34 | 67 | 2,771 | 123 | 10.75 |
| 43 | 4,869 | 71 | 25.71 | 68 | 2,648 | 123 | 10.23 |
| 44 | 4,798 | 71 | 25.09 | 69 | 2,525 | 124 | 9.70 |
| 45 | 4,727 | 70 | 24.46 | 70 | 2,401 | 124 | 9.18 |

* This column shows the number of survivors, at each year of age, out of ten thousand, commencing at birth.

## TABLE C.

*Showing the present value of an annuity of one dollar at three, four, five, and six per cent., at each year of age from twenty-one to seventy, according to the Carlisle Tables.*

| Age. | 3 per ct. | 4 per ct. | 5 per ct. | 6 per ct. | Age. | 3 per ct. | 4 per ct. | 5 per ct. | 6 per ct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 21.50 | 18.23 | 15.72 | 13.76 | 46 | 15.58 | 13.88 | 12.48 | 11.29 |
| 22 | 21.30 | 18.09 | 15.62 | 13.69 | 47 | 15.25 | 13.66 | 12.30 | 11.15 |
| 23 | 21.09 | 17.95 | 15.52 | 13.62 | 48 | 14.98 | 13.41 | 12.10 | 10.99 |
| 24 | 20.88 | 17.80 | 15.41 | 13.54 | 49 | 14.65 | 13.15 | 11.89 | 10.82 |
| 25 | 20.66 | 17.64 | 15.30 | 13.45 | 50 | 14.30 | 12.86 | 11.66 | 10.63 |
| 26 | 20.44 | 17.48 | 15.18 | 13.36 | 51 | 13.93 | 12.56 | 11.41 | 10.42 |
| 27 | 20.21 | 17.32 | 15.06 | 13.27 | 52 | 13.55 | 12.25 | 11.15 | 10.20 |
| 28 | 19.98 | 17.15 | 14.94 | 13.18 | 53 | 13.18 | 11.94 | 10.89 | 9.98 |
| 29 | 19:76 | 16.99 | 14.82 | 13.09 | 54 | 12.79 | 11.62 | 10.62 | 9.76 |
| 30 | 19.55 | 16.85 | 14.72 | 13.02 | 55 | 12.40 | 11.29 | 10.34 | 9.52 |
| 31 | 19.34 | 16.70 | 14.61 | 12.94 | 56 | 12.01 | 10.96 | 10.06 | 9.28 |
| 32 | 19.13 | 16.55 | 14.50 | 12.86 | 57 | 11.61 | 10.62 | 9.77 | 9.02 |
| 33 | 18.91 | 16.39 | 14.38 | 12.77 | 58 | 11.21 | 10.28 | 9.47 | 8.77 |
| 34 | 18.67 | 16.21 | 14.26 | 12.67 | 59 | 10.84 | 9.96 | 9.19 | 8.52 |
| 35 | 18.43 | 16.04 | 14.12 | 12.57 | 60 | 10.49 | 9.66 | 8.94 | 8.30 |
| 36 | 18.18 | 15.85 | 13.98 | 12.46 | 61 | 10.18 | 9.39 | 8.71 | 8.10 |
| 37 | 17.92 | 15.66 | 13.84 | 12.35 | 62 | 9.87 | 9.13 | 8.48 | 7.91 |
| 38 | 17.66 | 15.47 | 13.69 | 12.23 | 63 | 9.56 | 8.87 | 8.25 | 7.71 |
| 39 | 17.40 | 15.27 | 13.54 | 12.12 | 64 | 9.24 | 8 59 | 8.01 | 7.50 |
| 40 | 17.14 | 15.07 | 13.39 | 12.00 | 65 | 8.91 | 8.30 | 7.76 | 7.28 |
| 41 | 16.89 | 14.88 | 13.24 | 11.89 | 66 | 8.57 | 8.00 | 7.50 | 7.04 |
| 42 | 16.64 | 14.69 | 13.10 | 11.77 | 67 | 8.22 | 7.69 | 7.22 | 6.80 |
| 43 | 16.38 | 14.50 | 12.95 | 11.66 | 68 | 7.86 | 7.37 | 6.94 | 6.54 |
| 44 | 16.13 | 14.30 | 12.80 | 11.55 | 69 | 7.49 | 7.04 | 6.64 | 6.27 |
| 45 | 15.86 | 14.10 | 12.64 | 11.42 | 70 | 7.12 | 6.70 | 6.33 | 5.99 |

## TABLE D.

*Showing the mathematical value paid annually of any sum from ten to fifty dollars, payable at death, at each year of age from twenty-one to seventy. Interest five per cent. No allowance for expenses.*

| Age | $10 | $20 | $30 | $40 | $50 | Age | $10 | $20 | $30 | $40 | $50 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | .121 | .242 | .363 | .484 | .605 | 46 | .265 | .530 | .795 | 1.060 | 1.325 |
| 22 | .124 | .248 | .372 | .496 | .620 | 47 | .275 | .550 | .825 | 1.100 | 1.375 |
| 23 | .128 | .256 | .384 | .512 | .640 | 48 | .286 | .572 | .858 | 1.144 | 1.430 |
| 24 | .132 | .264 | .396 | .528 | .660 | 49 | .298 | .596 | .894 | 1.192 | 1.490 |
| 25 | .136 | .272 | .408 | .544 | .680 | 50 | .313 | .626 | .939 | 1.252 | 1.565 |
| 26 | .141 | .282 | .423 | .564 | .705 | 51 | .329 | .658 | .987 | 1.316 | 1.645 |
| 27 | .146 | .292 | .438 | .584 | .730 | 52 | .346 | .692 | 1.038 | 1.384 | 1.736 |
| 28 | .151 | .302 | .453 | .604 | .755 | 53 | .364 | .728 | 1.092 | 1.456 | 1.820 |
| 29 | .156 | .312 | .468 | .624 | .780 | 54 | .388 | .776 | 1.164 | 1.552 | 1.940 |
| 30 | .160 | .320 | .480 | .640 | .800 | 55 | .401 | .802 | 1.203 | 1.604 | 2.055 |
| 31 | .164 | .328 | .492 | .656 | .820 | 56 | .427 | .854 | 1.281 | 1.708 | 2.135 |
| 32 | .168 | .336 | .504 | .672 | .840 | 57 | .452 | .904 | 1.356 | 1.808 | 2.260 |
| 33 | .173 | .346 | .519 | .692 | .865 | 58 | .478 | .956 | 1.434 | 1.912 | 2.390 |
| 34 | .179 | .358 | .537 | .716 | .895 | 59 | .505 | 1.010 | 1.515 | 2.020 | 2.825 |
| 35 | .184 | .368 | .552 | .738 | .920 | 60 | .529 | 1.058 | 1.587 | 2.116 | 2.645 |
| 36 | .190 | .380 | .570 | .760 | .950 | 61 | .553 | 1.106 | 1 659 | 2.212 | 2.765 |
| 37 | .197 | .394 | .591 | .788 | .985 | 62 | .580 | 1.160 | 1.740 | 2 320 | 2.900 |
| 38 | .204 | .408 | .612 | .816 | 1.020 | 63 | .604 | 1.208 | 1.812 | 2.416 | 3.020 |
| 39 | .211 | .422 | .633 | .844 | 1.055 | 64 | .633 | 1.266 | 1.899 | 2.532 | 3.165 |
| 40 | .218 | .436 | .654 | .872 | 1.090 | 65 | .665 | 1.330 | 1.995 | 2.660 | 3.325 |
| 41 | .225 | .450 | .675 | .900 | 1.125 | 66 | .700 | 1.400 | 2.100 | 2.800 | 3.500 |
| 42 | .232 | .464 | .696 | .928 | 1.160 | 67 | .740 | 1.480 | 2.220 | 2.960 | 3.700 |
| 43 | .240 | .480 | .720 | .960 | 1.200 | 68 | .783 | 1.566 | 2.349 | 3.132 | 3.905 |
| 44 | .248 | .496 | .744 | .992 | 1.240 | 69 | .812 | 1.624 | 2.436 | 3.248 | 4.060 |
| 45 | .256 | .512 | .768 | 1.024 | 1.280 | 70 | .887 | 1.774 | 2.661 | 3.558 | 4.435 |

## TABLE E.

*Showing the practical annual value of any sum from ten to fifty dollars, payable at death, at each year of age from twenty-one to seventy. Interest five per cent., and twenty per cent. allowed for expenses.*

| AGE | $10 | $20 | $30 | $40 | $50 | AGE | $10 | $20 | $30 | $40 | $50 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | .151 | .302 | .453 | .605 | .755 | 46 | .331 | .662 | .993 | 1.325 | 1.655 |
| 22 | .155 | .310 | .465 | .620 | .775 | 47 | .343 | .682 | 1.029 | 1.375 | 1.715 |
| 23 | .160 | .320 | .480 | .640 | .800 | 48 | .357 | .714 | 1.071 | 1.430 | 1.785 |
| 24 | .165 | .330 | .495 | .660 | .825 | 49 | .372 | .744 | 1.116 | 1.490 | 1.860 |
| 25 | .171 | .342 | .513 | .680 | .855 | 50 | .391 | .782 | 1.173 | 1.565 | 1.955 |
| 26 | .176 | .352 | .528 | .705 | .880 | 51 | .411 | .822 | 1.233 | 1.645 | 2.055 |
| 27 | .182 | .364 | .546 | .730 | .910 | 52 | .432 | .864 | 1.296 | 1.730 | 2.160 |
| 28 | .188 | .376 | .564 | .755 | .940 | 53 | .455 | .910 | 1.365 | 1.826 | 2.275 |
| 29 | .194 | .388 | .582 | .780 | .970 | 54 | .485 | .970 | 1.455 | 1.940 | 2.425 |
| 30 | .200 | .400 | .600 | .800 | 1.000 | 55 | .511 | 1.022 | 1.533 | 2.055 | 2.569 |
| 31 | .207 | .412 | .618 | .820 | 1.025 | 56 | .533 | 1.066 | 1.599 | 2.135 | 2.665 |
| 32 | .210 | .420 | .630 | .840 | 1.050 | 57 | .565 | 1.130 | 1.695 | 2.260 | 2.825 |
| 33 | .216 | .432 | .648 | .865 | 1.080 | 58 | .597 | 1.194 | 1.791 | 2.390 | 2.985 |
| 34 | .223 | .446 | .669 | .895 | 1.115 | 59 | .631 | 1.262 | 1.893 | 2.525 | 3.155 |
| 35 | .230 | .460 | .690 | .920 | 1.150 | 60 | .661 | 1.322 | 1.983 | 2.645 | 3.305 |
| 36 | .238 | .476 | .714 | .950 | 1.190 | 61 | .691 | 1.382 | 2.073 | 2.765 | 3.455 |
| 37 | .246 | .492 | .738 | .985 | 1.230 | 62 | .724 | 1.448 | 2.172 | 2.900 | 3.622 |
| 38 | .254 | .508 | .762 | 1.020 | 1.270 | 63 | .755 | 1.510 | 2.265 | 3.020 | 3.775 |
| 39 | .263 | .526 | .789 | 1.055 | 1.315 | 64 | .791 | 1.582 | 2.372 | 3.165 | 3,955 |
| 40 | .272 | .544 | .816 | 1.090 | 1.360 | 65 | .831 | 1.662 | 2.490 | 3.325 | 4.155 |
| 41 | .281 | .562 | .843 | 1.125 | 1.405 | 66 | .875 | 1.750 | 2.625 | 3.500 | 4.375 |
| 42 | .290 | .580 | .870 | 1.160 | 1.456 | 67 | .924 | 1.848 | 2.772 | 3.700 | 4.620 |
| 43 | .299 | .598 | .897 | 1.200 | 1.495 | 68 | .976 | 1.952 | 2.928 | 3.905 | 4.881 |
| 44 | .309 | .618 | .927 | 1.240 | 1.545 | 69 | 1.015 | 2.030 | 3.045 | 4.060 | 5.075 |
| 45 | .320 | .640 | .960 | 1.280 | 1,600 | 70 | 1.109 | 2.218 | 3.327 | 4.435 | 5.545 |

## TABLE F

*Showing the mathematical value of weekly benefits to the sick, of any sum from one to five dollars, at each year of age from twenty-one to seventy. Interest five per cent. No allowance for expenses.*

| AGE | $1 | $2 | $3 | $4 | $5 | AGE | $1 | $2 | $3 | $4 | $5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | .91 | 1.82 | 2.73 | 3.64 | 4.56 | 46 | 2.01 | 4.02 | 6.03 | 8.04 | 10.09 |
| 22 | .92 | 1.84 | 2.76 | 3.68 | 4.60 | 47 | 2.12 | 4.24 | 6.36 | 8.48 | 10.60 |
| 23 | .93 | 1.86 | 2.78 | 3.71 | 4.64 | 48 | 2.26 | 4.40 | 6.60 | 8.80 | 11.01 |
| 24 | .93 | 1.87 | 2.80 | 3.74 | 4.68 | 49 | 2.32 | 4.64 | 6.96 | 9.28 | 11.62 |
| 25 | .94 | 1.88 | 2.83 | 3.77 | 4.72 | 50 | 2.47 | 4.94 | 7.41 | 9.88 | 12.36 |
| 26 | .95 | 1.90 | 2.86 | 3.81 | 4.78 | 51 | 2.70 | 5.40 | 8.10 | 10.80 | 13.53 |
| 27 | .96 | 1.92 | 2.90 | 3.87 | 4.84 | 52 | 2.92 | 5.84 | 8.76 | 11.68 | 14.61 |
| 28 | .98 | 1.96 | 2.96 | 3.93 | 4.92 | 53 | 3.04 | 6.18 | 9.27 | 12.36 | 15.49 |
| 29 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 | 54 | 3.27 | 6.54 | 9.81 | 13.08 | 16.36 |
| 30 | 1.01 | 2.04 | 3.05 | 4.07 | 5.09 | 55 | 3.42 | 6.84 | 10.26 | 13.68 | 17.14 |
| 31 | 1.06 | 2.13 | 3.19 | 4.26 | 5.33 | 56 | 4.05 | 8.10 | 12.15 | 16.20 | 20.25 |
| 32 | 1.10 | 2.20 | 3.30 | 4.40 | 5.51 | 57 | 4.45 | 8.90 | 13.35 | 17.80 | 22.25 |
| 33 | 1.14 | 2.29 | 3.44 | 4.59 | 5.74 | 58 | 4.74 | 9.48 | 14.22 | 18.96 | 23.70 |
| 34 | 1.17 | 2.35 | 3.52 | 4.70 | 5.88 | 59 | 5.12 | 10.24 | 15.36 | 20.48 | 25.63 |
| 35 | 1.21 | 2.42 | 3.63 | 4.84 | 6.06 | 60 | 5.62 | 11.24 | 16.86 | 22.48 | 28.13 |
| 36 | 1.26 | 2.53 | 3.79 | 5.06 | 6.33 | 61 | 6.50 | 13.00 | 19.50 | 26.00 | 32.53 |
| 37 | 1.31 | 2.63 | 3.95 | 5.27 | 6.59 | 62 | 7.29 | 14.58 | 21.87 | 29.16 | 36.46 |
| 38 | 1.36 | 2.72 | 4.08 | 5.44 | 6.80 | 63 | 7.92 | 15.84 | 23.76 | 31.68 | 39.60 |
| 39 | 1.40 | 2.80 | 4.21 | 5.61 | 7.02 | 64 | 8.54 | 17.08 | 25.62 | 34.16 | 42.73 |
| 40 | 1.48 | 2.97 | 4.45 | 5.94 | 7.43 | 65 | 9.37 | 18.74 | 28.11 | 37.48 | 46.88 |
| 41 | 1.57 | 3.14 | 4.71 | 6.28 | 7.85 | 66 | 11.46 | 22.92 | 34.38 | 45.84 | 57.31 |
| 42 | 1.64 | 3.28 | 4.92 | 6.56 | 8.20 | 67 | 12.96 | 25.92 | 38.88 | 51.84 | 64.84 |
| 43 | 1.71 | 3.42 | 5.13 | 6.84 | 8.55 | 68 | 14.27 | 28.54 | 42.81 | 57.08 | 71.36 |
| 44 | 1.77 | 3.55 | 5.33 | 7.11 | 8.89 | 69 | 15.57 | 31.14 | 46.71 | 62.28 | 77.87 |
| 45 | 1.88 | 3.77 | 5.66 | 7.55 | 9.44 | 70 | 17.76 | 35.52 | 53.18 | 71.04 | 88.84 |

## TABLE G.

*Showing the practical value of weekly Benefits to the sick, in any sum from one to five dollars, at each year of age from twenty-one to seventy. Interest five per cent. Twenty per cent. allowed for expenses.*

| Age | $1 | $2 | $3 | $4 | $5 | Age | $1 | $2 | $3 | $4 | $5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 1.14 | 2.28 | 3.42 | 4.56 | 5.70 | 46 | 2.52 | 5.04 | 7.56 | 10.09 | 12.61 |
| 22 | 1.15 | 2.30 | 3.45 | 4.60 | 5.75 | 47 | 2.65 | 5.30 | 7.95 | 10.60 | 13.25 |
| 23 | 1.16 | 2.32 | 3.48 | 4.64 | 5.80 | 48 | 2.75 | 5.50 | 8.25 | 11.01 | 13.76 |
| 24 | 1.17 | 2.34 | 3.51 | 4.68 | 5.85 | 49 | 2.90 | 5.81 | 8.71 | 11.62 | 14.52 |
| 25 | 1.18 | 2.36 | 3.54 | 4.72 | 5.90 | 50 | 3.09 | 6.18 | 9.27 | 12.36 | 15.45 |
| 26 | 1.19 | 2.38 | 3.57 | 4.78 | 5.97 | 51 | 3.38 | 6.76 | 10.14 | 13.53 | 16 91 |
| 27 | 1.21 | 2.42 | 3.63 | 4.84 | 6.05 | 52 | 3.65 | 7.30 | 10.95 | 14.61 | 18.26 |
| 28 | 1.23 | 2.46 | 3.69 | 4.92 | 6.15 | 53 | 3.87 | 7.74 | 11.61 | 15.49 | 19.36 |
| 29 | 1.25 | 2.56 | 3.75 | 5.00 | 6.25 | 54 | 4.09 | 8.18 | 12.27 | 16.36 | 20.45 |
| 30 | 1.27 | 2.54 | 3.81 | 5.09 | 6.36 | 55 | 4.28 | 8.56 | 12.84 | 17.14 | 21.42 |
| 31 | 1.33 | 2.66 | 3.99 | 5.33 | 6.66 | 56 | 5.06 | 10.12 | 15.18 | 20.25 | 25.89 |
| 32 | 1.37 | 2.74 | 4.11 | 5.51 | 6.89 | 57 | 5.56 | 11.12 | 16.68 | 22.25 | 27.81 |
| 33 | 1.43 | 2.86 | 4.29 | 5.74 | 7.17 | 58 | 5.92 | 11.84 | 17.76 | 23.70 | 29.62 |
| 34 | 1.47 | 2.94 | 4.41 | 5.88 | 7.35 | 59 | 6.40 | 12.80 | 19.20 | 25.63 | 32.04 |
| 35 | 1.51 | 3.02 | 4.53 | 6.06 | 7.57 | 60 | 7.03 | 14.06 | 21.09 | 28.13 | 35.16 |
| 36 | 1.58 | 3.16 | 4.74 | 6.33 | 7.91 | 61 | 8.13 | 16.26 | 24.39 | 32.52 | 40.66 |
| 37 | 1.64 | 3.28 | 4.92 | 6.59 | 8.24 | 62 | 9.11 | 18.22 | 27.33 | 36.46 | 45.57 |
| 38 | 1.70 | 3.40 | 5.10 | 6.80 | 8.50 | 63 | 9.90 | 19.80 | 29.70 | 39.60 | 49.50 |
| 39 | 1.75 | 3.50 | 5.25 | 7.02 | 8.77 | 64 | 10.68 | 21.36 | 32.04 | 42.73 | 53.41 |
| 40 | 1.85 | 3.70 | 5.55 | 7.43 | 9.29 | 65 | 11.72 | 23.44 | 35.16 | 46.88 | 58.60 |
| 41 | 1.96 | 3.92 | 5.88 | 7.85 | 9.81 | 66 | 14.32 | 28.64 | 42.96 | 57.31 | 71.64 |
| 42 | 2.05 | 4.10 | 6.15 | 8.20 | 10.25 | 67 | 16.21 | 32.42 | 48.63 | 64.84 | 81.05 |
| 43 | 2.13 | 4.26 | 6.39 | 8.55 | 10.69 | 68 | 17.84 | 35.68 | 53.52 | 71.36 | 89.20 |
| 44 | 2.22 | 4.44 | 6.66 | 8.89 | 11.11 | 69 | 19.47 | 38.94 | 58.41 | 77.87 | 97.39 |
| 45 | 2.36 | 4.72 | 7.08 | 9.44 | 11.80 | 70 | 22.21 | 44.42 | 66.63 | 88.84 | 111.05 |

## TABLE H.

*Showing the combined results of the operations of the Order in the United States for ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| State Grand Lodges. | Total Initiations. | Total Members. | Beneficial Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Member. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maryland..... | 13,952 | 69,327 | 59,131 | $484,139 | $6.98 | 13,021 | 4.5 |
| Massachusetts | 16,866 | 92,307 | 78,711 | 599,493 | 6.49 | 9,892 | 7.9 |
| S. New York.. | 38,228 | 188,946 | 161,742 | 1,393,402 | 7.37 | 28,818 | 5.6 |
| N. New York. | 23,703 | 110,812 | 93,142 | 675,217 | 6.09 | 14,662 | 6.3 |
| Pennsylvania.. | 54,759 | 245,756 | 204,689 | 1,321,305 | 5.37 | 37,150 | 5.5 |
| Dis. Columbia. | 1,960 | 11,690 | 10,398 | 70,143 | 5.99 | 2,458 | 5.2 |
| Delaware..... | 2,203 | 9,381 | 7,800 | 56,889 | 6.06 | 1,016 | 7.3 |
| Ohio..... | 16,288 | 72,030 | 59,673 | 528,587 | 7.33 | 9,973 | 5.9 |
| Louisiana.... | 3,586 | 12,683 | 9,924 | 198,619 | 15,66 | 1,110 | 8.6 |
| New Jersey... | 10,099 | 49,997 | 42,671 | 325,920 | 6.71 | 6,989 | 6.1 |
| Kentucky.... | 5,226 | 21,493 | 17,561 | 200,292 | 9.31 | 2,197 | 7.9 |
| Virginia..... | 8,222 | 37,204 | 31,048 | 241,320 | 6.48 | 4,824 | 6.4 |
| Indiana..... | 5,814 | 22,345 | 17,981 | 250,597 | 11.21 | 2,582 | 6.9 |
| Mississippi... | 2,804 | 10,312 | 8,266 | 123,423 | 11.92 | 816 | 10.1 |
| Missouri..... | 3,531 | 13,417 | 10,988 | 139,043 | 10.36 | 1,446 | 7.6 |
| Illinois..... | 4,425 | 19,678 | 14,339 | 140,746 | 7.96 | 1,613 | 8.3 |
| Texas..... | 624 | 1,822 | 1,340 | 3,961 | 21.73 | 139 | 8.2 |
| Alabama..... | 2,491 | 9,498 | 7,469 | 112,073 | 11.78 | 725 | 10.3 |
| Connecticut... | 8,262 | 12,533 | 37,713 | 262,169 | 6.16 | 5,843 | 6.4 |
| South Carolina | 3,110 | 16,143 | 13,812 | 137,274 | 8.49 | 1,518 | 9.0 |
| Tennessee.... | 3,739 | 14,962 | 11,918 | 147,175 | 9.83 | 860 | 13.3 |
| Georgia..... | 3,793 | 14,473 | 11,768 | 130,961 | 9.04 | 1,403 | 8.3 |
| North Carolina | 2,064 | 8,296 | 6,710 | 66,945 | 8.06 | 645 | 9.8 |
| Maine..... | 7,379 | 38,929 | 33,138 | 177,965 | 4.57 | 3,543 | 9.3 |
| Rhode Island . | 2,036 | 11,730 | 9,621 | 59,067 | 5.03 | 1,537 | 6.2 |
| N. Hampshire. | 3,376 | 17,043 | 14,454 | 48,547 | 2.84 | 1,812 | 7.9 |
| Michigan..... | 4,497 | 17,613 | 14,341 | 112,546 | 6.38 | 2,077 | 6.9 |
| Wisconsin.... | 3,352 | 11,616 | 9,099 | 69,941 | 6.02 | 625 | 11.8 |
| Vermont..... | 1,146 | 5,646 | 4,785 | 30,660 | 5.43 | 490 | 8.2 |
| Iowa..... | 1,074 | 5,139 | 4,380 | 32,017 | 6.23 | 425 | 7.9 |
| | 258,609 | 1172,821 | 1008,612 | 8,140,436 | 6.94 | 160,209 | 6.3 |

## TABLE H.

*Showing the combined results of the operations of the Order in the United States for ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852, *continued.*

| State Grand Lodges. | Total paid Sick. | Amount paid each. | Annual cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid for mortality. | Amount Each. | Annual cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Annual cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maryland..... | $135,939 | 10.43 | $2.30 | 641 | 92 | 133,891 | $208 | 226 | $277,439 | 4.69 |
| Massachusetts. | 188,647 | 19.07 | 2.39 | 659 | 118 | 48,439 | 73 | 61 | 246,884 | 3.13 |
| S. New York. | 483,452 | 16.77 | 2.98 | 1,733 | 93 | 136,061 | 78 | 84 | 621,102 | 3.84 |
| N. New York. | 188,367 | 12.84 | 2.02 | 653 | 145 | 34,551 | 53 | 37 | 222,397 | 2.38 |
| Pennsylvania.. | 443,563 | 11.93 | 2.16 | 1,829 | 111 | 125,174 | 68 | 62 | 568,195 | 2.77 |
| Dis. Columbia. | 25,779 | 10.48 | 2.48 | 77 | 135 | 7,358 | 95 | 70 | 32,844 | 3.15 |
| Delaware..... | 11,272 | 11.16 | 1.52 | 61 | 120 | 3,005 | 49 | 40 | 14,739 | 1.99 |
| Ohio..... | 142,495 | 14.29 | 2.38 | 639 | 93 | 31,979 | 50 | 53 | 168,423 | 2.82 |
| Louisiana..... | 29,732 | 26.78 | 2.80 | 211 | 45 | 17,664 | 83 | 185 | 49,287 | 5.03 |
| New Jersey... | 90,324 | 12.92 | 2.11 | 322 | 132 | 20,215 | 62 | 47 | 115,643 | 2.71 |
| Kentucky..... | 35,239 | 16.03 | 2.00 | 243 | 72 | 17,895 | 73 | 101 | 60,711 | 3.45 |
| Virginia..... | 51,192 | 10.61 | 1.64 | 336 | 92 | 33,934 | 100 | 109 | 84,953 | 2.73 |
| Indiana..... | 38,551 | 13.77 | 2.14 | 203 | 88 | 12,625 | 62 | 70 | 53,352 | 2.96 |
| Mississippi ... | 11,852 | 14.52 | 1.43 | 89 | 92 | 6,980 | 78 | 84 | 20,188 | 2.44 |
| Missouri..... | 23,290 | 16.10 | 2.18 | 187 | 53 | 22,037 | 117 | 221 | 45,146 | 4.10 |
| Illinois..... | 16,782 | 10.40 | 1.21 | 162 | 85 | 7,015 | 43 | 50 | 25,391 | 1.77 |
| Texas..... | 2,136 | 16.37 | 1.86 | 34 | 33 | 1,752 | 51 | 152 | 2,943 | 2.56 |
| Alabama..... | 12,048 | 16.34 | 1.61 | 119 | 62 | 7,652 | 64 | 106 | 19,685 | 2.63 |
| Connecticut... | 83,533 | 14.28 | 2.22 | 273 | 138 | 12,454 | 46 | 33 | 98,080 | 2.60 |
| South Carolina | 37,798 | 18.32 | 2.01 | 128 | 107 | 21,053 | 172 | 151 | 48,302 | 3.49 |
| Tennessee.... | 16,527 | 19.21 | 1.44 | 93 | 123 | 5,959 | 64 | 52 | 23,063 | 1.93 |
| Georgia ..... | 19,187 | 13.67 | 1.63 | 134 | 87 | 9,200 | 68 | 98 | 28,647 | 2.43 |
| North Carolina | 6,758 | 10.16 | 1.06 | 59 | 107 | 3,695 | 62 | 58 | 10,372 | 1.66 |
| Maine..... | 55,047 | 15.53 | 1.66 | 271 | 122 | 9,672 | 35 | 29 | 68,282 | 2.00 |
| Rhode Island.. | 23,782 | 15.40 | 2.47 | 78 | 122 | 5,957 | 76 | 61 | 30,071 | 3.12 |
| N. Hampshire. | 33,830 | 18.66 | 2.27 | 120 | 120 | 5,810 | 48 | 40 | 34,721 | 2 40 |
| Michigan..... | 22,265 | 10.71 | 1.62 | 111 | 129 | 5,322 | 48 | 37 | 26,862 | 1.87 |
| Wisconsin.... | 9,172 | 13.05 | 1.23 | 58 | 106 | 2,367 | 40 | 31 | 11,246 | 1.82 |
| Vermont..... | 6,603 | 13.48 | 1.63 | 27 | 149 | 1,297 | 48 | 32 | 8,669 | 2.14 |
| Iowa..... | 2,772 | 6.65 | 96 | 36 | 78 | 1,466 | 40 | 51 | 5,586 | 1.97 |
| | 2,247,934 | 14.03 | 2.22 | 9,586 | 103 | 752,479 | 78 | 74 | 3,023,223 | 3.02 |

## TABLE FOR MARYLAND,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 562 | 2,669 | 2,247 | $13,264 | $4.96 | 346 | 6.4 | $3,891 | $11.24 | $1.78 | 25 | 90 | $2,956 | 1.18 | 1.31 | $7,886 | $3.50 |
| 1844 | 774 | 3,115 | 2,724 | 16,343 | 5.24 | 402 | 6.4 | 4,314 | 11.24 | 1.78 | 25 | 90 | 3,158 | 1.22 | 1.15 | 8,392 | 3.08 |
| 1845 | 1,150 | 4,065 | 3,202 | 23,215 | 5.71 | 414 | 7.7 | 4,738 | 11.44 | 1.48 | 24 | 133 | 4,160 | 1.73 | 1.29 | 8,898 | 2.77 |
| 1846 | 1,331 | 5,285 | 4,339 | 31,083 | 5.88 | 582 | 7.4 | 7,152 | 12.28 | 1.65 | 42 | 103 | 8,820 | 2.10 | 2.03 | 15,973 | 3.68 |
| 1847 | 1,423 | 6,197 | 5,163 | 44,239 | 7.13 | 1,403 | 3.0 | 15,902 | 11.33 | 3.08 | 72 | 72 | 20,408 | 2.69 | 3.95 | 36,311 | 7.03 |
| 1848 | 1,622 | 7,570 | 6,353 | 56,841 | 7.50 | 1,456 | 4.3 | 5,987 | 4.11 | 94 | 61 | 104 | 13,698 | 2.24 | 2.15 | 14,469 | 2.27 |
| 1849 | 1,501 | 8,592 | 7,466 | 65,582 | 7.63 | 1,805 | 4.1 | 17,434 | 9.65 | 2.33 | 90 | 83 | 16,549 | 1.84 | 2.21 | 33,984 | 4.55 |
| 1850 | 1,563 | 9,614 | 8,442 | 70,426 | 7.32 | 1,932 | 4.3 | 22,498 | 11.65 | 2.66 | 77 | 110 | 16,759 | 2.17 | 1.98 | 39,157 | 4.64 |
| 1851 | 2,709 | 10,787 | 8,755 | 82,425 | 7.64 | 2,312 | 3.7 | 25,926 | 11.21 | 2.96 | 126 | 94 | 27,633 | 2.18 | 3.16 | 53,560 | 6.12 |
| 1852 | 1,317 | 11,433 | 10,440 | 80,721 | 7.07 | 2,369 | 4.4 | 28,097 | 11.87 | 2.69 | 99 | 105 | 19,750 | 1.99 | 1.89 | 58,809 | 5.63 |
| | 13,952 | 69,327 | 59,131 | $484,139 | $6.98 | 13,021 | 4.5 | $135,939 | $10.43 | $2.30 | 641 | 92 | $133,891 | 2.08 | 2.26 | $277,439 | $4.69 |

## TABLE FOR MASSACHUSETTS,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Benefits. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 1,117 | 1,489 | 651 | $13,067 | $8.78 | 80 | 8.1 | $1,354 | $16.92 | $2.08 | 4 | 162 | $143 | 36 | 21 | $1,497 | $4.47 |
| 1844 | 2,588 | 4,298 | 2,357 | 41,956 | 9.85 | 192 | 12.2 | 4,269 | 22.24 | 1.81 | 11 | 214 | 620 | 56 | 26 | 4,889 | 2.07 |
| 1845 | 4,083 | 8,254 | 5,240 | 86,269 | 14.51 | 933 | 5.6 | 13,486 | 14.45 | 2.57 | 24 | 218 | 2,022 | 84 | 38 | 15,508 | 2.95 |
| 1846 | 3,868 | 11,836 | 8,935 | 104,239 | 8.80 | 1,482 | 6.0 | 25,976 | 17.52 | 2.91 | 46 | 194 | 3,536 | 77 | 39 | 29,513 | 3.30 |
| 1847 | 1,568 | 12,613 | 11,337 | 75,328 | 5.97 | 1,831 | 6.2 | 31,543 | 17.22 | 2.78 | 97 | 117 | 6,160 | 63 | 54 | 37,704 | 3.41 |
| 1848 | 1,137 | 12,252 | 11,403 | 63,043 | 5.14 | 1,348 | 8.4 | 27,301 | 18.98 | 2.42 | 98 | 116 | 6,267 | 64 | 55 | 33,570 | 2.95 |
| 1849 | 751 | 11,881 | 11,318 | 57,760 | 4.87 | 1,210 | 9.3 | 25,429 | 21.01 | 2.24 | 88 | 128 | 6,807 | 76 | 60 | 31,914 | 2.81 |
| 1850 | 744 | 11,031 | 10,473 | 56,198 | 5.93 | 990 | 15.4 | 21,652 | 21.17 | 2.06 | 86 | 122 | 8,186 | 95 | 77 | 29,833 | 2.84 |
| 1851 | 546 | 9,701 | 9,391 | 48,541 | 5.00 | 933 | 10.0 | 19,138 | 20.50 | 2.03 | 93 | 49 | 7,137 | 78 | 72 | 26,276 | 2.80 |
| 1852 | 464 | 8,952 | 8,606 | 43,092 | 4.90 | 873 | 9.5 | 18,497 | 20.70 | 2.14 | 112 | 75 | 7,561 | 69 | 87 | 26,190 | 3.03 |
| | 16,866 | 92,307 | 78,711 | $599,493 | $6.49 | 9,892 | 79 | $188,647 | 19.07 | $2.39 | 659 | 118 | $48,439 | 73 | 61 | $246,884 | $3.13 |

## TABLE FOR NEW YORK,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total Paid. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 2,420 | 10,001 | 8,186 | $64,708 | $6.47 | 2,587 | 3.1 | $26,250 | 10.15 | $3.21 | 81 | 101 | $7,901 | 96 | 95 | $31,015 | $3.78 |
| 1844 | 3,525 | 12,496 | 10,252 | 86,700 | 6.93 | 1,912 | 5.3 | 28,801 | 15.06 | 2.30 | 100 | 102 | 6,472 | 65 | 63 | 35,274 | 3.43 |
| 1845 | 5,150 | 16,498 | 12,635 | 123,850 | 7.50 | 2,645 | 4.8 | 41,186 | 15.57 | 3.27 | 119 | 106 | 9,176 | 77 | 72 | 50,358 | 3.99 |
| 1846 | 8,365 | 23,745 | 17,473 | 197,462 | 8.33 | 3,509 | 4.9 | 50,696 | 14.44 | 2.90 | 150 | 116 | 13,334 | 88 | 76 | 64,031 | 3.66 |
| 1847 | 8,082 | 30,296 | 24,228 | 232,980 | 7.68 | 4,429 | 5.4 | 69,612 | 13.45 | 2.87 | 221 | 109 | 16,583 | 75 | 68 | 86,196 | 3.50 |
| 1848 | 2,000 | 15,082 | 13,582 | 98,446 | 6.52 | 1,249 | 10.8 | 46,210 | 36.99 | 3.40 | 167 | 81 | 12,855 | 76 | 90 | 59,067 | 4.35 |
| 1849 | 2,786 | 22,872 | 20,787 | 160,705 | 7.02 | 3,376 | 6.1 | 57,216 | 16.94 | 2.75 | 185 | 112 | 15,035 | 97 | 72 | 73,332 | 3.53 |
| 1850 | 2,519 | 19,660 | 18,773 | 150,580 | 7.65 | 3,250 | 5.6 | 57,290 | 17.62 | 3.05 | 321 | 58 | 18,422 | 57 | 48 | 76,471 | 4.07 |
| 1851 | 2,023 | 19,877 | 18,360 | 147,145 | 7.40 | 3,023 | 6.1 | 54,318 | 17.96 | 2.95 | 192 | 95 | 16,869 | 87 | 98 | 73,189 | 3.98 |
| 1852 | 1,358 | 18,419 | 17,463 | 130,832 | 7.10 | 2,838 | 6.1 | 51,879 | 18.27 | 2.97 | 197 | 98 | 19,414 | 88 | 1.11 | 72,169 | 4.13 |
| | 83,228 | 188,946 | 161,742 | $1,393,420 | $7.37 | 28,818 | 5.6 | $483,452 | 16.77 | $2.98 | 1733 | 93 | $136,061 | 78 | 84 | $621,102 | $3.84 |

## TABLE FOR NORTHERN NEW YORK,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of five years, commencing with* 1848 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | *... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| 1846 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| 1847 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... |
| 1848 | 5,152 | 19,288 | 15,424 | $129,785 | $6.76 | 2,877 | 5.4 | $38,757 | $13.12 | $2.51 | 89 | 175 | $7,043 | 81 | 45 | $44,696 | $2.82 |
| 1849 | 3,884 | 16,568 | 13,655 | 98,240 | 5.91 | 2,112 | 6.4 | 28,340 | 13.47 | 2.08 | 86 | 158 | 4,960 | 57 | 36 | 33,302 | 2.37 |
| 1850 | 5,108 | 22,813 | 18,985 | 139,738 | 6.12 | 2,979 | 6.3 | 38,264 | 12.90 | 2.02 | 157 | 121 | 7,415 | 47 | 39 | 45,754 | 2.41 |
| 1851 | 5,248 | 25,559 | 21,728 | 155,958 | 6.10 | 3,224 | 6.6 | 40,406 | 12.52 | 1.86 | 168 | 165 | 7,290 | 47 | 33 | 48,067 | 2.21 |
| 1852 | 4,311 | 26,584 | 23,350 | 151,496 | 5.69 | 3,470 | 6.6 | 42,600 | 12.27 | 1.87 | 153 | 152 | 7,843 | 51 | 33 | 50,578 | 2.16 |
| | 23,703 | 110,812 | 93,142 | $675,217 | $6.09 | 14,662 | 6.3 | $188,367 | $12.84 | 2.02 | 653 | 145 | $34,551 | 53 | 37 | $222,397 | $2.38 |

* Formed a part of New York as above given, which is now designated Southern New York

## TABLE FOR PENNSYLVANIA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 1,187 | 5,116 | 4,224 | $26,417 | $5.16 | 780 | 5.4 | $7,153 | 9.30 | $1.65 | 32 | 132 | $1,588 | 49 | 37 | $8,862 | $2.09 |
| 1844 | 1,529 | 5,935 | 4,798 | 29,562 | 4.98 | 942 | 5.0 | 7,311 | 7.76 | 1.32 | 38 | 127 | 2,192 | 57 | 45 | 9,483 | 1.98 |
| 1845 | 3,163 | 8,786 | 6,414 | 36,769 | 4.18 | 1,147 | 5.5 | 11,228 | 9.78 | 1.75 | 67 | 96 | 3,627 | 54 | 56 | 14,857 | 2.31 |
| 1846 | 6,627 | 15,629 | 10,654 | 95,893 | 6.11 | 2,229 | 4.8 | 19,554 | 8.81 | 1.83 | 76 | 138 | 5,493 | 71 | 85 | 25,049 | 2.85 |
| 1847 | 8,334 | 23,105 | 16,854 | 139,789 | 6.05 | 3,412 | 5.0 | 31,861 | 9.31 | 1.88 | 152 | 111 | 11,053 | 72 | 65 | 42,915 | 2.54 |
| 1848 | 7,647 | 29,093 | 23,358 | 173,311 | 5.95 | 4,349 | 5.3 | 51,170 | 12.00 | 2.19 | 200 | 117 | 16,470 | 82 | 70 | 67,642 | 2.89 |
| 1849 | 6,201 | 33,268 | 28,617 | 172,757 | 5.19 | 5,557 | 5.1 | 65,914 | 11.86 | 2.30 | 244 | 113 | 17,128 | 70 | 59 | 83,044 | 2.90 |
| 1850 | 7,073 | 38,193 | 32,888 | 204,268 | 5.34 | 5,748 | 5.4 | 75,113 | 13.09 | 2.29 | 308 | 107 | 19,812 | 65 | 60 | 94,927 | 2.89 |
| 1851 | 7,210 | 42,394 | 36,986 | 221,595 | 5.23 | 5,723 | 6.4 | 81,136 | 14.17 | 2.19 | 356 | 104 | 21,632 | 61 | 57 | 102,767 | 2.77 |
| 1852 | 5,788 | 44,237 | 39,896 | 220,964 | 4.77 | 7,263 | 5.4 | 93,123 | 12.83 | 2.33 | 356 | 112 | 26,179 | 71 | 65 | 118,649 | 2.97 |
| | 54,759 | 245,756 | 204,689 | $1,321,305 | $5.37 | 37,150 | 5.5 | $443,563 | 11.93 | $2.16 | 1829 | 111 | $125,174 | 68 | 62 | $568,195 | $2.77 |

## TABLE FOR IOWA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of seven years, commencing with* 1846 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1846 | 92 | 167 | 158 | $1,349 | $8.08 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1847 | 119 | 291 | 204 | 2,316 | 9.76 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1848 | 75 | 527 | 470 | 5,000 | 9.76 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1849 | 35 | 764 | 720 | 7,585 | 10.16 | 46 | 15.6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | 180 | $106 | 26 | 27 | $471 | $1.01 |
| 1850 | 356 | 946 | 682 | 7,935 | 8.39 | 99 | 7.6 | $909 | $9.18 | $96 | 8 | 85 | 224 | 28 | 23 | 1,134 | 1.66 |
| 1851 | 123 | 1,066 | 974 | 3,916 | 3.67 | 111 | 8.7 | 933 | 9.18 | 96 | 9 | 108 | 397 | 44 | 41 | 1,337 | 1.37 |
| 1852 | 274 | 1,378 | 1,172 | 3,916 | 3.67 | 169 | 6.8 | 930 | 8.37 | 96 | 15 | 71 | 739 | 49 | 63 | 2,644 | 2.25 |
| | 1,074 | 5,139 | 4,380 | $32,017 | $6.23 | 425 | 7.9 | $2,772 | $6.65 | $96 | 36 | 78 | $1,466 | 40 | 51 | $5,586 | $1.97 |

## TABLE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number of Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 159 | 719 | 600 | $3,941 | $5.48 | 155 | 4.0 | $1,842 | 11.88 | $3.07 | 4 | 150 | $430 | 108 | 71 | $2,873 | $4.79 |
| 1844 | 189 | 866 | 726 | 5,525 | 6.37 | 212 | 3.4 | 1,782 | 8.40 | 2.45 | 12 | 60 | 739 | 62 | 1.01 | 2,522 | 3.47 |
| 1845 | 314 | 1,111 | 875 | 7,720 | 6.94 | 211 | 4.1 | 2,171 | 10.31 | 2.48 | 11 | 79 | 839 | 76 | 95 | 3,016 | 3.45 |
| 1846 | 364 | 1,399 | 1,126 | 9,006 | 6.47 | 280 | 4.0 | 2,517 | 9.30 | 2.23 | 5 | 225 | 556 | 111 | 49 | 3,067 | 2.72 |
| 1847 | 254 | 1,634 | 1,414 | 8,551 | 5.23 | 316 | 4.4 | 3,095 | 9.79 | 2.19 | 11 | 128 | 665 | 60 | 47 | 3,761 | 2.66 |
| 1848 | 139 | 1,307 | 1,203 | 6,616 | 5.06 | 241 | 4.9 | 2,295 | 9.52 | 1.90 | 8 | 150 | 636 | 91 | 53 | 2,932 | 2.44 |
| 1849 | 116 | 1,216 | 1,129 | 6,971 | 5.73 | 227 | 4.8 | 2,918 | 12.85 | 1.07 | 11 | 102 | 821 | 70 | 72 | 3,841 | 3.40 |
| 1850 | 131 | 1,160 | 1,067 | 6,962 | 6.00 | 270 | 3.9 | 2,508 | 9.28 | 2.35 | 11 | 97 | 697 | 63 | 65 | 3,205 | 3.00 |
| 1851 | 139 | 1,195 | 1,091 | 6,939 | 5.80 | 288 | 3.7 | 2,812 | 9.76 | 2.55 | 13 | 84 | 998 | 77 | 90 | 3,810 | 3.44 |
| 1852 | 155 | 1,283 | 1,167 | 7,812 | 6.08 | 258 | 4.5 | 2,839 | 10.98 | 2.43 | 11 | 106 | 977 | 88 | 83 | 3,817 | 3.27 |
| | 1,960 | 11,690 | 10,398 | $70,043 | $5.99 | 2,458 | 5.2 | $25,779 | 10.48 | $2.48 | 77 | 135 | $7,358 | 95 | 70 | $32,844 | $3.15 |

# TABLE FOR DELAWARE,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 74 | 129 | 74 | $905 | $7.01 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | 102 | 200 | 123 | 1,223 | 6.11 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | 85 | 286 | 223 | 2,175 | 7.50 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1846 | 169 | 447 | 320 | 2,738 | 6.12 | ..... | .... | $329 | ..... | $1.02 | 1 | 320 | $127 | 127 | 39 | $450 | $1.40 |
| 1847 | 268 | 692 | 491 | 4,150 | 5.99 | 81 | 6.0 | 703 | 8.68 | 2.20 | 1 | 491 | 96 | 96 | 20 | 799 | 1.22 |
| 1848 | 443 | 1,037 | 705 | 6,923 | 4.22 | 170 | 4.1 | 2,153 | 12.66 | 3.05 | 3 | 235 | 406 | 105 | 57 | 2,570 | 3.64 |
| 1849 | 339 | 1,447 | 1,189 | 12,363 | 8.54 | 199 | 5.6 | 1,867 | 9.40 | 1.57 | 12 | 99 | 511 | 43 | 43 | 2,378 | 2.00 |
| 1850 | 335 | 1,566 | 1,390 | 8,804 | 5.62 | 282 | 4.5 | 2,072 | 7.35 | 1.44 | 26 | 53 | 897 | 35 | 64 | 3,386 | 2.53 |
| 1851 | 195 | 1,774 | 1,627 | 8,804 | 5.62 | 139 | 11.7 | 1,484 | 10.67 | 1.44 | 8 | 203 | 436 | 33 | 26 | 1,929 | 1.18 |
| 1852 | 193 | 1,803 | 1,658 | 8,804 | 5.60 | 139 | 11.7 | 2,694 | 19.38 | 1.44 | 10 | 106 | 532 | 48 | 32 | 3,227 | 1.93 |
| | 2,203 | 9,381 | 7,800 | $56,889 | $6.06 | 1,016 | 7.3 | $11,272 | 11.16 | $1.52 | 61 | 120 | $3,005 | 49 | 40 | $14,739 | $1.99 |

## TABLE FOR OHIO,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 322 | 1,563 | 1,482 | $7,635 | $4.82 | ..... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $1,674 | $1.12 |
| 1844 | 419 | 1,869 | 1,555 | 10,838 | 5.78 | ..... | .... | 2,181 | ..... | $1.40 | .... | .... | $115 | 115 | 07 | 2,246 | 1.47 |
| 1845 | 774 | 2,551 | 1,970 | 17,283 | 6.77 | ..... | .... | 3,580 | ..... | 1.82 | 15 | 131 | 625 | 42 | 31 | 4,206 | 2.13 |
| 1846 | 1,819 | 4,058 | 2,694 | 32,315 | 7.86 | 339 | 7.9 | 5,793 | $17.05 | 2.15 | 15 | 172 | 540 | 36 | 20 | 6,333 | 2.35 |
| 1847 | 2,716 | 6,373 | 4,036 | 75,839 | 11.90 | 1,653 | 2.4 | 17,594 | 10.64 | 4.35 | 72 | 56 | 3,085 | 43 | 76 | 20,681 | 5.12 |
| 1848 | 1,907 | 8,067 | 6,637 | 62,388 | 7.73 | 1,297 | 5.1 | 16,322 | 12,58 | 2.46 | 52 | 127 | 2,546 | 49 | 38 | 18,881 | 2.84 |
| 1849 | 1,792 | 9,546 | 8,202 | 66,115 | 6.92 | 1,250 | 6.5 | 18,124 | 17,69 | 2.21 | 93 | 88 | 4,551 | 49 | 55 | 22,676 | 2.76 |
| 1850 | 1,969 | 11,039 | 9,562 | 77,678 | 7.03 | 1,758 | 5.4 | 25,894 | 14,73 | 2.70 | 162 | 59 | 7,053 | 43 | 70 | 30,966 | 3.23 |
| 1851 | 2,338 | 12,644 | 10,890 | 86,405 | 6.83 | 1,522 | 7.1 | 20,681 | 13,50 | 1.89 | 125 | 87 | 6,921 | 53 | 64 | 27,314 | 2.58 |
| 1852 | 2,232 | 14,320 | 12,645 | 92,091 | 6.43 | 1,954 | 6.9 | 32,326 | 16,54 | 2,55 | 105 | 120 | 6,543 | 62 | 51 | 33,456 | 2.64 |
| | 16,288 | 72,030 | 59,673 | $528,587 | 9.33 | 9,973 | 5.9 | 142,495 | $14.29 | 2.38 | 639 | 93 | $31,979 | 50 | 53 | $168,423 | $2.82 |

# TABLE FOR LOUISIANA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 13 | 109 | 99 | $1,381 | $12.66 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $176 | $1.77 |
| 1844 | 27 | 112 | 92 | 1,560 | 13.19 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 324 | 1.52 |
| 1845 | 73 | 216 | 162 | 3,059 | 11.38 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 648 | 4.00 |
| 1846 | 265 | 456 | 267 | 9,264 | 20.31 | 21 | 12.7 | $417 | $19.86 | $1.56 | 5 | 53 | $335 | 67 | 1.26 | 778 | 2.16 |
| 1847 | 548 | 1,040 | 629 | 18,263 | 17.55 | 46 | 13.6 | 1,040 | 26.32 | 1.92 | 10 | 63 | 682 | 68 | 1.08 | 1,893 | 3.00 |
| 1848 | 566 | 1,599 | 1,169 | 27,734 | 17.45 | 181 | 6.4 | 5,511 | 25.87 | 3.85 | 32 | 36 | 1,600 | 50 | 1.36 | 6,408 | 5.48 |
| 1849 | 437 | 1,819 | 1,419 | 28,538 | 15.68 | 193 | 7.3 | 5,119 | 26.52 | 3.60 | 54 | 26 | 2,996 | 55 | 2.11 | 8,115 | 5.71 |
| 1850 | 576 | 2,134 | 1,699 | 35,280 | 16.55 | 170 | 9.9 | 5,276 | 31.03 | 3.10 | 28 | 61 | 3,073 | 1.09 | 1.80 | 9,585 | 4.93 |
| 1851 | 487 | 2,435 | 2,070 | 34,595 | 11.20 | 263 | 7.8 | 6,406 | 24.36 | 3.09 | 36 | 57 | 3,874 | 1.07 | 1.87 | 10,282 | 4.96 |
| 1852 | 594 | 2,763 | 2,317 | 38.945 | 14.09 | 236 | 9.8 | 5,963 | 25.35 | 2.52 | 46 | 51 | 5,104 | 1.11 | 2.20 | 11,078 | 4.78 |
| | 3,586 | 12,683 | 9,924 | $198,619 | $1,566 | 1,110 | 8.6 | $29,732 | $26.78 | $2.80 | 211 | 45 | $17,664 | 83 | 1.85 | $49,287 | $5.03 |

## TABLE FOR NEW JERSEY,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total Paid. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 725 | 1,301 | 757 | $10,773 | $8.28 | 66 | 11.4 | $1,661 | $25.21 | $2.20 | 2 | 378 | $204 | 1.03 | 26 | $1,869 | $2.47 |
| 1844 | 432 | 1,955 | 1,631 | 9,897 | 5.06 | 220 | 7.4 | 2,706 | 12.30 | 1.62 | 3 | 543 | 267 | 88 | 16 | 2,975 | 1.21 |
| 1845 | 433 | 1,792 | 1,467 | 12,440 | 6.94 | 228 | 6.4 | 1,340 | 5.87 | 80 | 13 | 112 | 1,535 | 1.18 | 1.04 | 2,877 | 1.95 |
| 1846 | 1,082 | 3,438 | 2,626 | 24,703 | 7.18 | 371 | 7.0 | 5,847 | 15.75 | 2.23 | 17 | 154 | 807 | 47 | 30 | 6,656 | 2.53 |
| 1847 | 1,505 | 4,768 | 3,539 | 35,697 | 7.49 | 668 | 5.2 | 9,501 | 14.22 | 2.68 | 27 | 131 | 1,511 | 42 | 42 | 11,023 | 3.11 |
| 1848 | 1,877 | 6,177 | 4,769 | 44,453 | 7.19 | 775 | 6.1 | 10,460 | 13.49 | 2.19 | 30 | 158 | 1,654 | 50 | 32 | 12,155 | 2.75 |
| 1849 | 1,204 | 7,138 | 6,570 | 45,586 | 6.38 | 1,017 | 6.4 | 14,050 | 13.81 | 2.13 | 40 | 189 | 2,715 | 68 | 40 | 16,767 | 2.54 |
| 1850 | 1,147 | 7,776 | 6,916 | 49,284 | 6.33 | 1,331 | 5.1 | 12,342 | 13.02 | 2.51 | 68 | 102 | 3,694 | 52 | 53 | 21,037 | 3.04 |
| 1851 | 900 | 7,808 | 7,133 | 48,386 | 6.19 | 1,093 | 6.5 | 15,987 | 14.63 | 2.24 | 51 | 140 | 3,692 | 72 | 54 | 19,690 | 2.75 |
| 1852 | 774 | 7,844 | 7,263 | 44,501 | 5.67 | 1,220 | 5.9 | 17,430 | 14.29 | 2.40 | 71 | 102 | 4,146 | 58 | 57 | 21,594 | 2.93 |
| | 10,099 | 49,997 | 42,671 | $325,920 | $6.71 | 6,989 | 6.1 | $90,324 | $12.92 | $2.11 | 322 | 132 | $20,215 | 62 | 47 | $115,643 | $2.71 |

## TABLE FOR KENTUCKY,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 142 | 653 | 547 | $5,116 | $7.83 | 55 | 9.9 | $967 | $17.58 | $1.77 | 7 | 78 | $400 | 56 | 73 | $1,369 | $2.50 |
| 1844 | 136 | 688 | 586 | 5,756 | 8.50 | 49 | 11.9 | 1,654 | 33.75 | 2.77 | 8 | 73 | 416 | 52 | 70 | 1,069 | 1.82 |
| 1845 | 213 | 796 | 636 | 7,743 | 9.72 | 93 | 6.8 | 1,591 | 15.91 | 2.50 | 9 | 71 | 463 | 51 | 72 | 2,054 | 3.23 |
| 1846 | 308 | 1,073 | 842 | 10,196 | 9.50 | 125 | 6.7 | 2,100 | 16.80 | 2.49 | 9 | 93 | 911 | 1.01 | 1.08 | 3,050 | 3.62 |
| 1847 | 596 | 1,619 | 1,162 | 15,977 | 9.80 | 147 | 7.9 | 2,759 | 18.77 | 2.37 | 12 | 97 | 737 | 62 | 63 | 3,499 | 3.01 |
| 1848 | 959 | 2,435 | 1,715 | 31,515 | 12.90 | 218 | 7.8 | 5,139 | 23.11 | 2.93 | 24 | 71 | 1,877 | 77 | 1.09 | 7,083 | 4.13 |
| 1849 | 663 | 2,921 | 2,426 | 26,870 | 9.19 | 303 | 8.0 | 4,683 | 15.66 | 1.93 | 36 | 122 | 2,152 | 1.07 | 87 | 14,250 | 5.87 |
| 1850 | 739 | 3,338 | 2,784 | 30,840 | 9.24 | 371 | 7.5 | 6,019 | 16.22 | 2.16 | 44 | 63 | 3,203 | 73 | 1.11 | 9,221 | 3.31 |
| 1851 | 794 | 3,862 | 3,266 | 34,482 | 8.92 | 367 | 9.0 | 4,379 | 14.65 | 1.65 | 47 | 69 | 4,083 | 87 | 1.25 | 9,464 | 2.28 |
| 1852 | 686 | 4,111 | 3,597 | 33,797 | 8.14 | 469 | 7.6 | 5,948 | 12.67 | 1.31 | 47 | 76 | 3,653 | 79 | 1.01 | 9,652 | 2.68 |
| | 5,226 | 21,493 | 17,561 | $200,292 | $9.31 | 2,197 | 7.9 | $35,239 | $16.03 | $2.00 | 243 | 72 | $17,895 | 73 | 1.01 | $60,711 | $3.45 |

## TABLE FOR VIRGINIA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number of Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 244 | 1,546 | 1,359 | $7,889 | $5.27 | 186 | 7.3 | $1,821 | $9.78 | $1.34 | 16 | 85 | $1,803 | 95 | 1.32 | $3,688 | $2.71 |
| 1844 | 235 | 1,606 | 1,430 | 8,468 | 5.27 | 199 | 7.2 | 2,225 | 11.18 | 1.56 | 19 | 75 | 1,913 | 101 | 1.33 | 4,155 | 2.90 |
| 1845 | 190 | 1,546 | 1,412 | 6,727 | 4.35 | 195 | 7.2 | 2,275 | 11.60 | 1.47 | 19 | 74 | 1,913 | 100 | 1.35 | 4,155 | 2.94 |
| 1846 | 591 | 1,980 | 1,537 | 12,955 | 6.54 | 198 | 7.7 | 2,334 | 11.78 | 1.53 | 16 | 46 | 1,688 | 105 | 1.09 | 4,023 | 2.61 |
| 1847 | 978 | 2,917 | 2,183 | 21,976 | 7.54 | 333 | 6.5 | 3,130 | 9.33 | 1.43 | 23 | 95 | 2,446 | 107 | 1.12 | 5,597 | 2.56 |
| 1848 | 1,502 | 4,127 | 3,000 | 47,046 | 11.39 | 589 | 5.0 | 6,184 | 10.32 | 2.06 | 25 | 120 | 3,494 | 138 | 1.14 | 9,580 | 3.19 |
| 1849 | 1,113 | 4,896 | 4,061 | 31,207 | 6.37 | 708 | 5.6 | 6,919 | 9.77 | 1.70 | 45 | 90 | 4,225 | 93 | 1.04 | 11,095 | 2.73 |
| 1850 | 1,318 | 5,610 | 4,616 | 35,285 | 6.28 | 816 | 6.8 | 9,019 | 11.05 | 1.95 | 57 | 81 | 5,262 | 92 | 1.14 | 14,282 | 3.07 |
| 1851 | 1,097 | 6,280 | 5,470 | 35,975 | 5.72 | 766 | 7.1 | 7,776 | 10.15 | 1.42 | 68 | 80 | 5,930 | 87 | 1.08 | 13,708 | 2.50 |
| 1852 | 955 | 6,696 | 5,980 | 33,792 | 5.04 | 836 | 7.1 | 9,509 | 11.37 | 1.51 | 48 | 124 | 5,160 | 107 | 86 | 14,670 | 2.45 |
| | 8,222 | 37,204 | 31,048 | $241,320 | $6.48 | 4,824 | 6.4 | $51,192 | $10.61 | 1.64 | 336 | 92 | $33,934 | 100 | 1.09 | $84,953 | $2.73 |

## TABLE FOR INDIANA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with 1843 and ending with 1852.*

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 54 | 395 | 364 | $3,401 | $8.61 | ..... | ..... | $777 | ..... | $1.96 | 4 | 88 | $163 | 27 | 46 | $937 | $2.66 |
| 1844 | 170 | 516 | 388 | 4,478 | 9.26 | 57 | 6.7 | 560 | $9.82 | 1.44 | 6 | 44 | 454 | 76 | 1.17 | 1,014 | 2.62 |
| 1845 | 177 | 697 | 565 | 6,906 | 9.91 | 60 | 9.4 | 868 | 14.46 | 1.24 | 6 | 94 | 454 | 75 | 83 | 1,147 | 2.03 |
| 1846 | 454 | 848 | 507 | 13,243 | 15.16 | 65 | 9.4 | 1,186 | 18.24 | 2.35 | 12 | 253 | 95 | 95 | 18 | 1,281 | 2.54 |
| 1847 | 583 | 1,594 | 1,157 | 19,977 | 12.53 | 128 | 9.4 | 2,705 | 21.13 | 2.34 | 16 | 72 | 558 | 35 | 48 | 3,264 | 2.82 |
| 1848 | 754 | 2,273 | 1,705 | 26,156 | 11.50 | 224 | 7.1 | 4,060 | 16.91 | 2.38 | 8 | 213 | 769 | 96 | 45 | 5,178 | 3.04 |
| 1849 | 682 | 2,836 | 2,324 | 31,202 | 11.00 | 236 | 7.1 | 5,418 | 22.95 | 2 38 | 15 | 76 | 1,235 | 82 | 53 | 6,778 | 2.48 |
| 1850 | 926 | 3,670 | 2,976 | 37,972 | 10.04 | 447 | 6.6 | 6,777 | 15.14 | 2.28 | 22 | 135 | 1,601 | 73 | 53 | 8,379 | 2.81 |
| 1851 | 931 | 4,397 | 3,698 | 53,602 | 12.19 | 610 | 6.6 | 8,100 | 13.27 | 2.19 | 56 | 66 | 3,972 | 71 | 1.08 | 12,074 | 3.21 |
| 1852 | 1,083 | 5,119 | 4,307 | 53,660 | 12.19 | 755 | 5.7 | 8,100 | 13.21 | 2.19 | 58 | 74 | 3,324 | 71 | 77 | 13,300 | 3.08 |
| | 5,814 | 22,345 | 17,981 | $250.597 | $11.21 | 2,582 | 6.9 | $38,551 | $13.77 | $2.14 | 203 | 88 | $12,625 | 62 | 70 | $53,352 | 2.96 |

## TABLE FOR MISSISSIPPI,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 128 | 367 | 271 | $5,165 | $14.07 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $350 | $1.29 |
| 1844 | 112 | 414 | 386 | 4,780 | 11.54 | 22 | 17.5 | $600 | $27.02 | $1.44 | 3 | 128 | $321 | 1.07 | 83 | 921 | 2.38 |
| 1845 | 146 | 489 | 379 | 5,839 | 11.94 | 45 | 8.4 | 1,092 | 24.26 | 2.88 | 13 | 29 | 638 | 49 | 1.67 | 1,730 | 4.30 |
| 1846 | 166 | 606 | 481 | 7,036 | 11.61 | 42 | 11.4 | 665 | 15.83 | 1.38 | 6 | 80 | 294 | 49 | 61 | 960 | 2.00 |
| 1847 | 381 | 879 | 593 | 13,734 | 15.62 | 50 | 13.8 | 888 | 17.77 | 1.49 | 7 | 84 | 697 | 99 | 1.17 | 1,585 | 2.67 |
| 1848 | 571 | 1,306 | 875 | 18,906 | 14.47 | 101 | 8.6 | 1,664 | 16.47 | 1.90 | 6 | 145 | 826 | 1.37 | 93 | 2,490 | 2.84 |
| 1849 | 386 | 1,443 | 1,153 | 18,070 | 12.52 | 191 | 5.9 | 2,902 | 15.19 | 2.51 | 29 | 39 | 1,809 | 62 | 1.57 | 4,712 | 4.08 |
| 1850 | 321 | 1,513 | 1,271 | 17,100 | 11.30 | 154 | 8.2 | 1,695 | 11.00 | 1.33 | 13 | 106 | 1,146 | 88 | 90 | 2,843 | 2.23 |
| 1851 | 332 | 1,634 | 1,392 | 17,660 | 10.80 | 125 | 11.1 | 1,651 | 13.02 | 1.17 | 11 | 126 | 712 | 65 | 52 | 2,365 | 1.60 |
| 1852 | 261 | 1,661 | 1,465 | 15,133 | 9.11 | 86 | 17.0 | 1,695 | 19.70 | 1.15 | 11 | 133 | 537 | 49 | 36 | 2,232 | 1.52 |
| | 2,804 | 10,312 | 8,266 | $123,422 | $11.92 | 816 | 10.1 | $11,852 | $14.52 | $1.43 | 89 | 92 | $6,980 | 78 | 84 | $20,188 | $2.44 |

# TABLE FOR MISSOURI,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 59 | 345 | 301 | $2,964 | $8.58 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $531 | $1.76 |
| 1844 | 136 | 401 | 291 | 4,649 | 11.24 | ..... | .... | $726 | ..... | $1.81 | .... | .... | $174 | 1.74 | 59 | 900 | 3.09 |
| 1845 | 207 | 578 | 423 | 6,383 | 11.03 | 102 | 4.1 | 1,658 | $16.25 | 3.91 | 3 | 141 | 545 | 1.82 | 1.29 | 2,204 | 5.21 |
| 1846 | 240 | 755 | 575 | 7,984 | 10.57 | 93 | 6.1 | 1,533 | 16.48 | 2.66 | 5 | 115 | 332 | 67 | 57 | 1,867 | 3.25 |
| 1847 | 405 | 1,068 | 764 | 12,244 | 11.44 | 117 | 6.5 | 1,933 | 16.52 | 2.53 | 11 | 69 | 568 | 52 | 74 | 2,501 | 3.28 |
| 1848 | 530 | 1,525 | 1,131 | 17,088 | 10.20 | 174 | 6.4 | 2,471 | 14.20 | 2.18 | 15 | 75 | 1,308 | 87 | 1.15 | 3,891 | 3.44 |
| 1849 | 579 | 1,932 | 1,498 | 21,437 | 11.09 | 229 | 6.5 | 3,235 | 14.12 | 2.16 | 42 | 35 | 2,766 | 61 | 1.84 | 6,001 | 4.01 |
| 1850 | 554 | 2,093 | 1,677 | 23,588 | 11.26 | 227 | 7.3 | 3,699 | 16.29 | 2.20 | 40 | 41 | 4,792 | 1.20 | 2.85 | 8,606 | 5.13 |
| 1851 | 374 | 2,278 | 1,997 | 20,132 | 8.84 | 238 | 8.4 | 3,911 | 16.66 | 1.98 | 37 | 54 | 5,399 | 1.19 | 2.70 | 9,366 | 4.68 |
| 1852 | 447 | 2,442 | 2,331 | 23,574 | 9.65 | 266 | 8.7 | 4,124 | 15.50 | 1.77 | 34 | 69 | 5,153 | 1.51 | 2.21 | 9,279 | 3.98 |
| | 3,531 | 13,417 | 10,988 | $139,043 | $10.36 | 1,446 | 7.6 | $23,290 | $16.10 | $2.18 | 187 | 53 | $22,037 | 1.17 | 2.21 | $45,146 | 4.10 |

## TABLE FOR ILLINOIS,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 34 | 199 | 173 | $1,007 | $5.06 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $237 | $1.94 |
| 1844 | 34 | 211 | 186 | 960 | 5.06 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | ..... | 337 | 1.81 |
| 1845 | 32 | 223 | 199 | 930 | 4.17 | ..... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 66 | ..... | .... | ..... | 674 | 3.38 |
| 1846 | 327 | 690 | 445 | 6,791 | 9.84 | 53 | 8.3 | 561 | 10.58 | $1.26 | 5 | 89 | $215 | 43 | 48 | 776 | 1.74 |
| 1847 | 372 | 1,004 | 725 | 7,853 | 7.82 | 135 | 5.4 | 1,580 | 11.70 | 2.18 | 9 | 80 | 290 | 32 | 40 | 1,870 | 2.58 |
| 1848 | 823 | 1,720 | 1,103 | 15,651 | 9.15 | 171 | 6.4 | 1,590 | 9.29 | 1.44 | 13 | 84 | 805 | 62 | 72 | 2,395 | 2.17 |
| 1849 | 841 | 2,518 | 1,887 | 18,529 | 7.36 | 197 | 9.2 | 2,301 | 11.69 | 1.26 | 20 | 94 | 769 | 38 | 41 | 3,072 | 1.63 |
| 1850 | 1,079 | 3,291 | 2,461 | 25,392 | 7.71 | 359 | 6.7 | 3,916 | 10.90 | 1.59 | 30 | 82 | 1,614 | 53 | 65 | 5,371 | 2.24 |
| 1851 | 1,012 | 4,035 | 3,276 | 29,409 | 7.28 | 265 | 12.3 | 2,663 | 10.45 | 81 | 32 | 102 | 1,366 | 42 | 41 | 4,030 | 1.23 |
| 1852 | 1,071 | 4,787 | 3,984 | 34,184 | 7.10 | 433 | 9.2 | 4,171 | 10.78 | 1.17 | 50 | 79 | 1,956 | 39 | 49 | 6,629 | 1.67 |
| | 4,425 | 19,678 | 14,339 | $140,746 | 7.96 | 1,613 | 8.3 | $16,782 | $10.40 | $1.21 | 162 | 85 | $7,015 | 43 | 50 | $25,391 | $177 |

## TABLE FOR TEXAS,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | 68 | 68 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | ..... | 63 | 63 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | 9 | 59 | 61 | $229 | $388 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1846 | 42 | 76 | 34 | 804 | 1,058 | 4 | 8.5 | $118 | $29.50 | $3.47 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $118 | $3.76 |
| 1847 | 46 | 106 | 71 | 1,497 | 1,412 | 19 | 3.7 | 38 | 2.00 | 54 | 3 | 23 | $260 | 87 | 3.66 | 298 | 4.20 |
| 1848 | 51 | 132 | 83 | 1,588 | 1,298 | 37 | 2.2 | 466 | 12.59 | 5.89 | 3 | 27 | 234 | 78 | 2.81 | 700 | 8.44 |
| 1849 | 18 | 139 | 125 | 2,837 | 2,033 | 9 | 13.8 | 128 | 14.22 | 1.02 | 9 | 113 | 540 | 60 | 4.32 | 668 | 5.34 |
| 1850 | 28 | 184 | 163 | 1,267 | 688 | 4 | 13.8 | 196 | 49.00 | 1.20 | 1 | 163 | 74 | 74 | 45 | 220 | 1.35 |
| 1851 | 190 | 382 | 247 | 6,664 | 1,744 | 26 | 9.5 | 461 | 17.73 | 1.20 | 7 | 35 | 254 | 36 | 1.03 | 716 | 2.93 |
| 1852 | 250 | 613 | 425 | 9,075 | 1,478 | 40 | 10.6 | 829 | 20.70 | 1.95 | 11 | 38 | 393 | 36 | 92 | 1,223 | 2.85 |
| | 624 | 1,822 | 1,340 | $3,961 | $2,173 | 139 | 8.2 | $2,136 | $16.37 | $1.86 | 34 | 33 | $1,752 | 51 | 1.52 | $2,943 | $2.56 |

## TABLE FOR ALABAMA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 35 | 119 | 83 | $2,141 | $17.90 | 6 | 13.8 | $220 | $36.66 | $2.65 | 2 | 41 | $221 | 1.10 | 2.66 | $441 | 5.31 |
| 1844 | 28 | 112 | 91 | 1,636 | 14.60 | 21 | 4.3 | 292 | 13.90 | 3.21 | 3 | 30 | 374 | 1.27 | 4.10 | 644 | 7.07 |
| 1845 | 268 | 553 | 352 | 6,332 | 11.45 | 7 | 5.6 | 130 | 18.57 | 3.21 | 6 | 58 | 170 | 28 | 48 | 300 | 85 |
| 1846 | 265 | 568 | 369 | 9,540 | 16.79 | 44 | 8.3 | 594 | 13.47 | 1.66 | 6 | 61 | 298 | 50 | 80 | 893 | 2.42 |
| 1847 | 315 | 856 | 620 | 12,608 | 14.72 | 69 | 9.0 | 1,364 | 19.91 | 2.20 | 8 | 77 | 465 | 58 | 75 | 1,829 | 3.56 |
| 1848 | 350 | 1,146 | 733 | 13,353 | 11.65 | 102 | 7.1 | 1,401 | 13.73 | 1.91 | 17 | 43 | 1,144 | 61 | 1.56 | 2,545 | 3.36 |
| 1849 | 328 | 1,371 | 1,125 | 14,201 | 10.35 | 126 | 9.0 | 2,367 | 18.00 | 2.10 | 16 | 70 | 1,037 | 65 | 92 | 3,406 | 3.03 |
| 1850 | 181 | 1,529 | 1,393 | 15,642 | 9.70 | 119 | 11.7 | 2,345 | 19.70 | 1.69 | 19 | 73 | 1,108 | 58 | 80 | 3,455 | 2.48 |
| 1851 | 382 | 1,675 | 1,388 | 18,742 | 11.18 | 98 | 14.1 | 1,251 | 12.76 | 90 | 22 | 63 | 1,308 | 59 | 94 | 2,560 | 1.85 |
| 1852 | 339 | 1,569 | 1,315 | 17,876 | 11.38 | 133 | 9.8 | 2,084 | 15.67 | 1.59 | 20 | 65 | 1,527 | 76 | 1.16 | 3,612 | 2.75 |
| | 2,491 | 9,498 | 7,469 | $112,073 | $11.78 | 725 | 10.3 | $12,048 | $16.34 | 1.61 | 119 | 62 | $7,652 | 64 | 1.02 | $19,685 | 2.63 |

## TABLE FOR CONNECTICUT,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with 1843 and ending with 1852.*

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 528 | 1,245 | 849 | $8,987 | $7.84 | 122 | 6.9 | $1,515 | $12.42 | $1.78 | 5 | 169 | $287 | 57 | 33 | $1,727 | $2.03 |
| 1844 | 714 | 1,836 | 1,300 | 13,190 | 7.78 | 298 | 4.3 | 3,192 | 10.71 | 2.45 | 10 | 130 | 405 | 40 | 31 | 3,597 | 2.77 |
| 1845 | 809 | 2,587 | 1,973 | 17,255 | 6.66 | 368 | 5.4 | 5,013 | 13.62 | 1.93 | 7 | 281 | 322 | 43 | 16 | 5,336 | 2.75 |
| 1846 | 1,110 | 3,321 | 2,478 | 24,934 | 7.59 | 510 | 4.8 | 7,062 | 13.86 | 2.85 | 14 | 177 | 710 | 50 | 28 | 8,475 | 3.43 |
| 1847 | 1,249 | 4,650 | 3,713 | 33,056 | 7.11 | 668 | 5.5 | 9,082 | 13.59 | 2.44 | 23 | 161 | 1,186 | 52 | 32 | 10,269 | 4.14 |
| 1848 | 1,128 | 5,517 | 4,671 | 34,339 | 6.22 | 725 | 6.4 | 10,888 | 15.02 | 2.33 | 44 | 106 | 1,138 | 42 | 39 | 12,728 | 2.72 |
| 1849 | 889 | 5,945 | 5,278 | 32,559 | 5.47 | 843 | 6.2 | 12,252 | 14.53 | 2.32 | 43 | 122 | 1,771 | 41 | 33 | 14,024 | 2.66 |
| 1850 | 826 | 5,878 | 6,257 | 35,235 | 5.99 | 838 | 7.4 | 12,641 | 14.92 | 2.01 | 60 | 104 | 2,479 | 42 | 47 | 15,115 | 2.41 |
| 1851 | 590 | 6,143 | 6,100 | 34,655 | 5.64 | 748 | 8.1 | 11,418 | 15.26 | 1.88 | 44 | 138 | 1,890 | 43 | 31 | 13,309 | 2.18 |
| 1852 | 423 | 5,411 | 5,094 | 27,959 | 5.14 | 723 | 7.0 | 10,470 | 14.46 | 2.08 | 33 | 154 | 2,266 | 68 | 44 | 13,500 | 2.45 |
| | 8,262 | 12,533 | 37,713 | $262,169 | $6.16 | 5,843 | 6.4 | $83,533 | $14.28 | $2.22 | 273 | 138 | $12,454 | 46 | 33 | $98,080 | $2.60 |

## TABLE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 452 | 1,166 | 827 | $11,489 | $9.85 | 84 | 9.8 | $891 | $10.59 | $1.08 | 2 | 413 | $450 | 2.25 | 54 | $1,341 | $1.62 |
| 1844 | 393 | 1,431 | 1,136 | 13,210 | 9.23 | 119 | 9.5 | 1,515 | 12.73 | 1.34 | 7 | 87 | 835 | 1.19 | 73 | 2,350 | 2.07 |
| 1845 | 316 | 1,505 | 1,268 | 13,510 | 8.97 | 115 | 11.0 | 2,506 | 21.71 | 2.52 | 8 | 158 | 1,147 | 1.43 | 90 | 3,653 | 2.88 |
| 1846 | 232 | 1,531 | 1,357 | 12,026 | 7.85 | 150 | 9.4 | 2,854 | 19.03 | 2.10 | 6 | 226 | 954 | 1.59 | 70 | 3,809 | 2.80 |
| 1847 | 271 | 1,566 | 1,363 | 14,017 | 8.95 | 175 | 7.4 | 3,367 | 19.24 | 2.47 | 14 | 97 | 2,347 | 1.67 | 1.72 | 5,714 | 4.19 |
| 1848 | 277 | 1,689 | 1,481 | 13,428 | 7.94 | 194 | 7.6 | 3,683 | 18.93 | 2.62 | 16 | 92 | 2,760 | 1.72 | 1.87 | 6,444 | 4.35 |
| 1849 | 334 | 1,662 | 1,411 | 15,290 | 9.20 | 121 | 11.6 | 3,000 | 24.80 | 2.12 | 24 | 59 | 3,455 | 1.44 | 2.37 | 6,461 | 4.57 |
| 1850 | 384 | 1,848 | 1,562 | 15,935 | 8.62 | 164 | 9.5 | 3,502 | 21.35 | 2.24 | 11 | 142 | 1,823 | 1.65 | 1.16 | 5,325 | 3.41 |
| 1851 | 226 | 1,861 | 1,691 | 14,117 | 7.57 | 229 | 17.3 | 3,636 | 15.87 | 2.15 | 19 | 89 | 3,458 | 1.50 | 2.04 | 6,495 | 3.84 |
| 1852 | 226 | 1,884 | 1,718 | 14,172 | 7.53 | 177 | 9.7 | 2,844 | 21.04 | 1.64 | 23 | 74 | 3,824 | 1.68 | 2.22 | 6,710 | 3.90 |
| | 3,110 | 16,143 | 13,812 | $137,274 | $8.49 | 1,518 | 9.0 | $37,798 | $18.32 | $2.01 | 128 | 107 | $21,053 | 1.72 | 1.51 | $48,302 | $3.49 |

## TABLE FOR TENNESSEE,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number of Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 110 | 286 | 211 | $3,274 | $11.44 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $178 | .84 |
| 1844 | 91 | 326 | 251 | 3,175 | 9.74 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 542 | 2.16 |
| 1845 | 165 | 471 | 347 | 5,574 | 12.18 | 27 | 12.8 | $599 | $2,218 | $1.98 | 1 | 347 | $303 | 3.03 | 87 | 906 | 3.61 |
| 1846 | 407 | 810 | 515 | 11,332 | 13.99 | 45 | 11.4 | 576 | 1,280 | 1.12 | 2 | 257 | 230 | 1.15 | 45 | 806 | 1.56 |
| 1847 | 557 | 1,300 | 882 | 17,107 | 13.23 | 88 | 10.0 | 1,954 | 2,220 | 2.21 | 20 | 44 | 550 | 28 | 62 | 2,506 | 2.84 |
| 1848 | 508 | 1,871 | 1,490 | 21,278 | 11.36 | 185 | 7.9 | 2,228 | 1,204 | 1.44 | 11 | 64 | 920 | 84 | 61 | 3,148 | 2.11 |
| 1849 | 553 | 2,205 | 1,790 | 21,843 | 9.90 | 146 | 12.2 | 3,013 | 2,062 | 1.68 | 19 | 94 | 602 | 32 | 33 | 4,372 | 2.44 |
| 1850 | 419 | 2,152 | 1,838 | 21,749 | 9.90 | 96 | 19.0 | 3,273 | 1,493 | 1.77 | 15 | 122 | 692 | 1.38 | 37 | 3,093 | 1.68 |
| 1851 | 551 | 2,595 | 2,132 | 23,397 | 9.01 | 138 | 15.4 | 2,344 | 1,698 | 1.09 | 13 | 164 | 1,185 | 87 | 55 | 3,481 | 1.63 |
| 1852 | 378 | 2,746 | 2,462 | 18,386 | 6.69 | 135 | 18.2 | 2,540 | 1,881 | 1.03 | 12 | 205 | 1,477 | 1.23 | 55 | 4,030 | 1.64 |
| | 3,739 | $14,962 | 11,918 | $147,175 | $9.83 | 860 | 13.3 | $16,527 | $1,921 | $1.44 | 93 | 123 | $5,959 | 64 | 52 | $23,063 | $1.93 |

## TABLE FOR GEORGIA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | 259 | 399 | $3,201 | $12.37 | ..... | ..... | $186 | ..... | $.71 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $186 | $.49 |
| 1844 | 483 | 909 | 547 | 8,656 | 9.52 | 26 | 21.0 | 430 | $16.53 | 78 | 2 | 2.73 | $290 | 1.45 | 53 | 720 | 1.31 |
| 1845 | 379 | 1,108 | 824 | 10,272 | 9.36 | 103 | 8.0 | 1,729 | 16.78 | 1.15 | 10 | 82 | 707 | 70 | 85 | 2,437 | 2.95 |
| 1846 | 492 | 1,447 | 1,078 | 13,728 | 9.48 | 123 | 8.7 | 2,027 | 16.47 | 1.88 | 7 | 1.54 | 649 | 93 | 60 | 2,676 | 3.25 |
| 1847 | 383 | 1,632 | 1,345 | 14,942 | 9.15 | 207 | 6.5 | 2,225 | 10.74 | 1.65 | 20 | 67 | 1,049 | 52 | 78 | 3,287 | 2.48 |
| 1848 | 550 | 1,860 | 1,447 | 17,373 | 9.34 | 165 | 8.7 | 2,590 | 15.69 | 1.79 | 19 | 1.44 | 1,485 | 77 | 1.02 | 4,077 | 2.81 |
| 1849 | 453 | 1,941 | 1,601 | 16,723 | 8.61 | 163 | 9.8 | 1,941 | 13.38 | 1.36 | 17 | 94 | 963 | 56 | 60 | 3,145 | 1.96 |
| 1850 | 421 | 1,831 | 1,515 | 18,310 | 8.61 | 154 | 9.6 | 2,595 | 16.32 | 1.71 | 19 | 79 | 1,387 | 73 | 91 | 3,983 | 2.62 |
| 1851 | 316 | 1,743 | 1,506 | 13,878 | 8.02 | 236 | 6.3 | 2,732 | 11.58 | 1.80 | 20 | 75 | 1,335 | 66 | 88 | 4,068 | 2.69 |
| 1852 | 316 | 1,743 | 1,506 | 13,878 | 8.02 | 236 | 6.3 | 2,732 | 11.58 | 1.80 | 20 | 75 | 1,335 | 66 | 88 | 4,068 | 2.69 |
| | 3,793 | 14,473 | 11,768 | $130,961 | $9.04 | 1,403 | 8.3 | $19,187 | 13.67 | $1.63 | 134 | 87 | $9,200 | 68 | 98 | $28,647 | $2.43 |

## TABLE FOR NORTH CAROLINA,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of ten years, commencing with* 1843 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amonnt Each. | Cost per Member. | Number of Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | 25 | 159 | 140 | $463 | $2.90 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... |
| 1844 | 25 | 241 | 219 | 1,551 | 6.43 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | 86 | 324 | 260 | 2,590 | 7.99 | 19 | 13.8 | $278 | $14.63 | $2.09 | 2 | 130 | $175 | 87 | 67 | $453 | $1.74 |
| 1846 | 166 | 450 | 325 | 4,364 | 9.70 | 44 | 7.4 | 658 | 14.95 | 2.02 | 2 | 162 | 147 | 74 | 45 | 806 | 2.68 |
| 1847 | 277 | 761 | 553 | 7,143 | 9.38 | 44 | 12.5 | 506 | 11.50 | 92 | 4 | 138 | 243 | 61 | 43 | 749 | 1.35 |
| 1848 | 322 | 1,022 | 781 | 8,345 | 8.16 | 75 | 10.4 | 819 | 10.92 | 1.06 | 7 | 111 | 385 | 55 | 49 | 1,004 | 1.28 |
| 1849 | 249 | 955 | 768 | 7,673 | 8.03 | 105 | 7.3 | 955 | 9.81 | 1.35 | 7 | 109 | 429 | 61 | 55 | 1,463 | 1.90 |
| 1850 | 249 | 1,233 | 1,012 | 8,736 | 8.03 | 100 | 7.3 | 964 | 9.64 | 1.35 | 9 | 102 | 622 | 56 | 88 | 1,677 | 1.65 |
| 1851 | 339 | 1,512 | 1,258 | 11,925 | 7.88 | 98 | 13.0 | 1,073 | 10.94 | 85 | 11 | 114 | 816 | 74 | 64 | 1,891 | 1.50 |
| 1852 | 326 | 1,639 | 1,394 | 14,155 | 8.63 | 160 | 8.7 | 1,505 | 9.40 | 1.08 | 17 | 82 | 878 | 51 | 63 | 2,329 | 1.66 |
| | 2,064 | 8,296 | 6,710 | $66,945 | $8.06 | 645 | 9.8 | $6,758 | $10.16 | $1.06 | 59 | 107 | $3,695 | 62 | 58 | $10,372 | $1.66 |

## TABLE FOR MAINE,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of eight years, commencing with* 1845 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total Paid. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | 1,925 | 3,435 | 1,991 | $29,476 | $8 55 | 306 | 6.5 | $3,673 | $12.00 | $1.07 | 8 | 249 | $581 | 73 | 97 | $4,254 | $2.13 |
| 1846 | 1,410 | 4,789 | 3,731 | 30,130 | 6.29 | 486 | 7.6 | 6,383 | 13.13 | 1.71 | 27 | 137 | 919 | 37 | 24 | 7,304 | 1.95 |
| 1847 | 845 | 5,348 | 4,709 | 27,289 | 5.10 | 530 | 9.9 | 9,143 | 17.25 | 1.94 | 35 | 134 | 1,449 | 41 | 30 | 10,593 | 2.25 |
| 1848 | 903 | 5,611 | 4,934 | 27,671 | 4.93 | 580 | 8.4 | 10,076 | 17.37 | 2.04 | 37 | 133 | 1,752 | 48 | 35 | 11,928 | 2.42 |
| 1849 | 624 | 5,886 | 5,418 | 22,329 | 3.78 | 504 | 9.9 | 5,886 | 17.35 | 1.92 | 44 | 123 | 1,382 | 31 | 25 | 10,830 | 1.74 |
| 1850 | 344 | 5,088 | 4,830 | 20,370 | 4.00 | 511 | 9.4 | 8,484 | 16.60 | 1.75 | 43 | 112 | 1,356 | 31 | 28 | 9,736 | 1.74 |
| 1851 | 210 | 4,492 | 4,334 | 13,132 | 2.92 | 352 | 12.3 | 7,109 | 20.19 | 1.64 | 49 | 88 | 1,296 | 26 | 29 | 8,406 | 1.71 |
| 1852 | 118 | 4,280 | 4,191 | 7,554 | 1.76 | 274 | 15.2 | 4,293 | 15.67 | 1.02 | 28 | 149 | 937 | 33 | 22 | 5,231 | 1.24 |
| | 7,379 | 38,929 | 33,138 | $177,965 | 4.57 | 3,543 | 9.3 | $55,047 | $15.53 | $1.66 | 271 | 122 | $9,672 | 35 | 29 | $68,282 | $2.00 |

## TABLE FOR RHODE ISLAND,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of eight years, commencing with 1845 and ending with 1852.*

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | 732 | 1,055 | 513 | $1,125 | $10.66 | 40 | 12.8 | $594 | $14.85 | $1.84 | 3 | 171 | $100 | 33 | 19 | $694 | $1.35 |
| 1846 | 759 | 1,674 | 1,104 | 14,077 | 8.40 | 279 | 6.1 | 3,130 | 11.22 | 2.83 | 10 | 110 | 526 | 52 | 48 | 3,656 | 3.31 |
| 1847 | 73 | 1,743 | 1,104 | 3,905 | 2.24 | 279 | 6.1 | 3,392 | 12.15 | 3.06 | 12 | 99 | 738 | 61 | 64 | 4,532 | 4.51 |
| 1848 | 118 | 1,628 | 1,539 | 6,519 | 4.00 | 256 | 6.0 | 4,538 | 17.76 | 2.94 | 14 | 109 | 951 | 67 | 61 | 5,409 | 3.51 |
| 1849 | 94 | 1,537 | 1,463 | 8,136 | 4.45 | 222 | 6.5 | 3,862 | 17.37 | 2.94 | 11 | 133 | 810 | 74 | 55 | 4,680 | 3.19 |
| 1850 | 101 | 1,474 | 1,398 | 9,768 | 6.90 | 194 | 7.3 | 3,271 | 16.86 | 2.34 | 14 | 99 | 976 | 69 | 69 | 4,247 | 3.03 |
| 1851 | 79 | 1,322 | 1,263 | 7,657 | 5.79 | 135 | 9.3 | 2,187 | 16.20 | 1.74 | 8 | 157 | 825 | 1.03 | 65 | 3,013 | 2.38 |
| 1852 | 80 | 1,297 | 1,237 | 7,880 | 6.07 | 132 | 9.4 | 2,808 | 21.27 | 2.27 | 6 | 206 | 1,031 | 1.72 | 83 | 3,840 | 3.04 |
| | 2,036 | 11,730 | 9,621 | $59,067 | $5.03 | 1,537 | 6.2 | $23,782 | $15.40 | $2.47 | 78 | 122 | $5,957 | 76 | 61 | $30,071 | $3.12 |

## TABLE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of eight years, commencing with* 1845 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | 800 | 1,142 | 542 | $10,953 | $9.59 | 69 | 7.8 | $1,142 | $10.03 | $1,16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $692 | $1.27 |
| 1846 | 619 | 1,812 | 1,348 | 8,541 | 4,71 | 250 | 5.3 | 3,385 | 13.14 | 2,43 | 10 | 134 | $458 | 45 | 33 | 3,743 | 2.77 |
| 1847 | 326 | 1,980 | 1,635 | 5,641 | 2,90 | 269 | 6.0 | 3,471 | 12.90 | 2,12 | 18 | 90 | 934 | 52 | 57 | 4,405 | 2.69 |
| 1848 | 341 | 2,191 | 1,935 | 5,463 | 2.44 | 266 | 7.2 | 4,298 | 16.15 | 2,22 | 18 | 107 | 831 | 45 | 43 | 5,930 | 3.06 |
| 1849 | 378 | 2,400 | 2,116 | 5,346 | 2.22 | 291 | 7.2 | 4,370 | 11.33 | 2.03 | 20 | 105 | 953 | 47 | 45 | 5,249 | 2.03 |
| 1850 | 331 | 2,545 | 2,296 | 4,479 | 1.76 | 202 | 11.3 | 8,810 | 18.85 | 1.66 | 11 | 208 | 530 | 48 | 23 | 4,342 | 1.91 |
| 1851 | 248 | 2,403 | 2,217 | 3,946 | 1.64 | 231 | 9.6 | 4,039 | 17.48 | 2.22 | 26 | 87 | 1,072 | 41 | 48 | 5,011 | 2.22 |
| 1852 | 273 | 2,570 | 2,365 | 4,178 | 1.62 | 234 | 10.0 | 4,315 | 18.43 | 1.82 | 17 | 193 | 1,032 | 61 | 44 | 5,346 | 2.26 |
| | 3 376 | 17,043 | 14,454 | $48,547 | $2.84 | 1,812 | 7.9 | $33,830 | $18.66 | $2.27 | 120 | 120 | $5,810 | 48 | 40 | $34,721 | $2.40 |

## TABLE FOR MICHIGAN,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of eight years, commencing with* 1845 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... |
| 1845 | 430 | 628 | 305 | $5,280 | $8.40 | 12 | 25.4 | $628 | $8.75 | $1.27 | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $105 | $.20 |
| 1846 | 423 | 992 | 675 | 7,622 | 7.68 | 90 | 7.5 | 893 | 9.92 | 1.31 | 4 | 168 | $135 | 34 | 20 | 1,028 | 1.52 |
| 1847 | 612 | 1,557 | 1,105 | 11,965 | 7.68 | 69 | 16.9 | 2,306 | 33.42 | 2.08 | 9 | 122 | 386 | 42 | 34 | 2,692 | 2.44 |
| 1848 | 787 | 2,305 | 1,715 | 17,819 | 7.77 | 296 | 5.8 | 2,957 | 10.00 | 1.72 | 10 | 171 | 696 | 69 | 41 | 3,649 | 2.13 |
| 1849 | 610 | 2,743 | 2,281 | 15,849 | 5.77 | 354 | 6.4 | 3,320 | 9.37 | 1.45 | 10 | 228 | 519 | 51 | 22 | 3,839 | 1.69 |
| 1850 | 593 | 2,976 | 2,530 | 18,621 | 6.26 | 424 | 5.9 | 3,740 | 8.51 | 1.47 | 22 | 115 | 1,044 | 47 | 41 | 4,785 | 1.87 |
| 1851 | 578 | 3,223 | 2,789 | 18,810 | 5.83 | 439 | 6.3 | 4,312 | 9.82 | 1.55 | 26 | 107 | 1,120 | 43 | 40 | 5,432 | 1.95 |
| 1852 | 464 | 3,289 | 2,941 | 16,580 | 5.04 | 393 | 7.4 | 4,109 | 13.00 | 1.39 | 30 | 98 | 1,422 | 37 | 48 | 5,532 | 1.88 |
| | 4,497 | 17,613 | 14,341 | $112,546 | $6.38 | 2,077 | 6.9 | $22,265 | $10.71 | $1.62 | 111 | 129 | $5,322 | 48 | 37 | $26,862 | $1.87 |

## TABLE FOR WISCONSIN,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of seven years, commencing with* 1846 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick. | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1846 | 179 | 346 | 211 | $2,628 | $7.60 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1847 | 351 | 699 | 435 | 5,079 | 8.41 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | $130 | 1.30 | 36 | $58 | ..... |
| 1848 | 252 | 1,224 | 1,035 | 5,173 | 4.22 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | 130 | 1.30 | 40 | 1,099 | $1.06 |
| 1849 | 534 | 1,665 | 1,264 | 11,138 | 6.67 | ..... | .... | 1,012 | ..... | 88 | .... | .... | 15 | 15 | 35 | 1,027 | 81 |
| 1850 | 777 | 2,287 | 1,704 | 15,303 | 6.67 | 171 | 9.9 | 2,331 | $13.63 | 1.36 | 17 | 100 | 358 | 21 | 21 | 1,496 | 87 |
| 1851 | 666 | 2,621 | 2,121 | 15,131 | 5.77 | 248 | 8.5 | 3,438 | 13.45 | 2.09 | 24 | 89 | 999 | 41 | 53 | 4,438 | 2.09 |
| 1852 | 593 | 2,774 | 2,329 | 15,489 | 5.57 | 206 | 11.2 | 2,391 | 11.60 | 1.03 | 17 | 137 | 735 | 43 | 31 | 3,128 | 1.39 |
| | 3,352 | 11,616 | 9,099 | $69,941 | $6.02 | 625 | 11.8 | 9,172 | $13.05 | $1.23 | 58 | 106 | $2,367 | 40 | 31 | $11,246 | $1.82 |

## TABLE FOR VERMONT,

*Showing the general results of the operations of the Order for a period of seven years, commencing with* 1846 *and ending with* 1852.

| Year. | Initiations. | Total Members. | Benefit Members. | Total Revenue. | Revenue per Memb. | Number Sick | Ratio Sick. | Total paid Sick. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Number Deaths. | Ratio Deaths. | Total paid Deaths. | Amount Each. | Cost per Member. | Total Relief. | Cost per Member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1843 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1844 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1845 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1846 | 11 | 410 | 403 | $1,671 | $4.07 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1847 | 294 | 559 | 338 | 4,228 | 7.58 | 5 | 6.7 | $43 | $8.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1848 | 108 | 695 | 614 | 2,535 | 3.64 | 84 | 7.3 | 1,293 | 8.27 | $1.86 | 4 | 153 | $165 | 41 | 27 | $1,458 | $2.37 |
| 1849 | 198 | 841 | 692 | 5,785 | 6.77 | 82 | 8.5 | 1,317 | 16.03 | 1.90 | 2 | 346 | 195 | 97 | 27 | 1,502 | 1.90 |
| 1850 | 182 | 971 | 834 | 6,046 | 6.22 | 100 | 8.3 | 1,280 | 12.80 | 1.53 | 7 | 119 | 215 | 31 | 22 | 2,689 | 1.80 |
| 1851 | 102 | 1,030 | 953 | 4,323 | 4.10 | 111 | 8.6 | 1,340 | 12.07 | 1.77 | 9 | 106 | 348 | 39 | 36 | 1,688 | 1.73 |
| 1852 | 251 | 1,140 | 951 | 6,072 | 5.32 | 108 | 8.8 | 1,332 | 9.14 | 1.04 | 5 | 190 | 374 | 69 | 34 | 1,332 | 1.40 |
| | 1,146 | 5,646 | 4,785 | $30,660 | $5.43 | 490 | 8.2 | $6,603 | $13.48 | $1.63 | 27 | 149 | $1,297 | 48 | 32 | $8,669 | $2.14 |

## ACTUARY'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of ....., I. O. O. F.

..... *Lodge, No. .., I. O. O. F., State of*.....

The following is the Actuary's Report of this Lodge for the year ending on the ..... of ....., 18...

A..... B....., *Sec'ry.*

C..... D....., *N. G.*

[SEAL.]

| Age. | No. members. | No. sick. | Duration in weeks. | No. deaths. | Age. | No. members. | No. sick. | Duration in weeks. | No. deaths. |
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| 45 | | | | | 70 | | | | |

Total revenue.....$
Amount paid sick.....
Amount of current expenses.....
Funds invested.....
Value of property.....
Money in hand.....

*Supplemental Report from the same Committee.*

The main object of the committee, in the foregoing report, has been to present the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States with such a view of the general principles involved in the operations of the Order as should lead to a perception of the dangers to which it is exposed and the necessity of prompt and efficient action in the premises. The report does not, therefore, descend to particulars, or treat at length of the *modus operandi* by which Subordinate Lodges may apply the general principles indicated to the practical purposes of the Order. For this reason, the following directions and explanations are added, in the form of an appendix or supplement, in which an attempt is made so to simplify the whole mode of procedure that any Lodge or any member thereof, with a fair knowledge of the four cardinal rules of arithmetic, can work out the problem and adjust its affairs upon a true basis. This supplement, though perhaps unnecessary for the present purposes of the Grand Lodge, will be found quite convenient, if not indispensable to the Subordinates, in case of an attempt to carry out the recommendations of the committee. Hence it is now submitted and placed at the disposal of this Grand Lodge. There are several preliminary considerations which should be well understood by every Lodge that proposes to adjust its financial affairs to the tables and the principles embodied in the report.

1. The tables do not claim entire and rigidly exact accuracy. The data on which the calculations were made are far from perfection. The statistics have been loosely kept, and contain errors that the committee had no means of correcting. There was, however, no alternative but to reject the entire experience of the Order, and take foreign statistics as a guide, or follow our own experience as found upon our records. The last named course was preferred, and the committee vouch not for the correctness of the records, but only for the general accuracy of their calculations, allowing the records to be correct. It is proper to say distinctly, that, notwithstanding the fact of the imperfection of the data thus furnished, it is confidently believed that there are no errors of such grave importance as to vitiate the general results, or render them unsafe for practical purposes. They are, on the contrary, beyond all doubt a tolerably near approximation to the exact truth, and may be assumed as the basis of future action for the time being with safety. It will be seen that the rates of dues calculated are far above the rates that the members of our Lodges have been paying, and yet it is positively averred that all the computations have been made with reference to the most strict economy and good management, and upon data that put the most favorable construction upon the case; and the prediction is here deliberately recorded, that if the experience of the future shall, as it most probably will, demonstrate the necessity of revising and modifying these tables, the alterations will have to be made in the direction of an increase rather than a decrease of dues. Earnestly, therefore, is every man cautioned against the hazardous experiment of attempting to abate a fraction from these tables of dues

To increase them may be necessary in many cases, to reduce them will be always dangerous.

Should the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in its wisdom, see proper to adopt the recommendation of the committee in the organization of a department for the collection of vital statistics, five years will suffice to gather materials for the construction of tables that will present the exact truth, with a definiteness and accuracy that cannot be doubted, to be confirmed by future experience, until the whole basis of procedure shall be fixed upon principles as permanent and clearly defined as the laws of gravity or the revolutions of the earth. The committee only affirm that, in the mean time, the tables reported will afford a tolerably safe guide, which may be followed without danger of irreparable injury.

2. Lodges and members should never forget that in computations of this kind some rate of allowance must be made for current expenses, and the committee in their practical tables have placed it at the low estimate of twenty per cent. From the returns received from the lodges by the committee, it appears that the average of expenses for 1852 was a fraction more than thirty per cent. on their entire revenue. This amount will not appear large when it is remembered that the lodges pay from five to ten per cent. to their Grand Lodges, and that rent, regalia, lights, fuel, and officers' salaries make heavy items of expense. On the other hand, it is to be noted that many of the lodges are young; that the outlay in the commencement is necessarily somewhat greater than it will be permanently; and that there is always more or less of profit to the lodges from the payments for initiations, degrees, and dues, by persons who forfeit their membership, and leave the amount of payments thus made a gain to the Order, upon which there rests no corresponding obligation because of the forfeiture noted. With special reference to these facts, the committee placed the expenses at the low rate of twenty per cent., conscious at the same time that it is the lowest possible figure, and that great prudence, rigid economy, and careful management will be necessary to keep expenses within that limit; and that small lodges and those in unhealthy localities must add to that amount five, ten, fifteen, and even twenty per cent. The committee have, therefore, presented the mathematical tables D and F, so that Lodges can easily regulate from them their rates, to meet their peculiar circumstances. In adjusting these tables to any given rate of allowance for expenses, it should be borne in mind that twenty-five per cent. on the sum set down in the mathematical tables is only equal to twenty per cent. of the total sum, after the twenty per cent. is added. Thus the rate of dues at twenty-nine years is $5.00, (F.) Twenty-five per cent. of this is $1.25, which added to the $5.00 is $6.25, of which $1.25 is only twenty per cent. If, therefore, the estimate is twenty per cent. of the whole revenue, twenty-five per cent. must be added to the mathematical tables, or if the estimate is twenty-five per cent., thirty-three and a third per cent. must be added.

3. Computations of the value of assurance necessarily assume that all the funds, over and above current expenses and losses by sickness

and death, are kept invested and accumulating at interest. The rate of interest is not uniform in the different States. For a short time, in different places, money may be invested at from six to ten per cent., but as a permanent thing, and through a long series of years, an investment that netts five per cent. may be considered good. This is the rate set down by the committee in their report, and the tables are constructed upon the assumption that all the funds above designated are kept constantly invested, and accumulating at five per cent. compound interest. It should, therefore, be known and remembered that failure, in this respect, to any considerable extent, will prove disastrous, and ultimately reduce any lodge to bankruptcy, even though it graduates its dues to the tables reported.

4. The rate of dues presented in these tables is the permanent rate, and is not to be increased upon the same individual with increase of age. Thus the man who commences at thirty years of age at $5.09 (F.) does not pay $5.33 the next year and $5.51 the next, but he pays $5.09 and no more, per year, to the end of his life Of course the $5.09 is more than the value of his assurance for the time being, and this is compensated by the fact that at a more advanced age he will pay less than its current value. The excess paid at present must be laid aside and improved, to meet the deficiency of the future. It cannot be too often repeated that on the safe keeping, judicious investment, and careful management of the present excess depends the stability and solvency of the lodge in all time to come; nor can the members of our fraternity be too often or too earnestly cautioned to guard against the fatal error of supposing that their lodges are really prosperous and safe, *merely* because their *present* rates of payment give them a revenue that exceeds their disbursements. That excess ought to be full *fifty per cent.* over and above all losses and expenses in the outset; and even then, if it is not carefully laid aside and invested at interest, bankruptcy will ultimately come. It is, therefore, quite possible that a lodge should be accumulating money, and have a surplus on hand for years, and imagine itself rich, when in point of fact it has not even a tithe of the funds that will be found necessary to meet the contracts that will mature in future years. "See to it that in the first years of your existence the income of your lodge is at least fifty per cent. above all losses and expenses, and that every dollar of this excess is constantly invested and accumulating at compound interest," is a rule that might well be written upon the walls of every lodge room, and "the Lodge that scorns this counsel shall surely die," is the fiat of Omnipotence. It may live for a season, and go on for years, but its end is certain. Whoever reads thus far, and is still determined to take an exception for a rule, and to follow his own wishes and hopes instead of the maxims of experience and the demonstrations of science, may as well pause here, and make up his mind to be satisfied with a lodge that will answer his purposes for a few years, and fail him in old age, and leave to those that come after him an empty treasury and broken promises; for it is an irreversible law that what a man sows that shall he reap.

But, supposing a lodge thoroughly to understand these principles, and to be desirous of securing to itself a safe and permanent existence by an adoption of a true and adequate financial system, the following directions will be found convenient, if not absolutely necessary:

1. Consult the books of your lodge, and see what has been and what probably will be the amount per cent. of revenue necessary to meet expenses, over and above losses by sickness and death. If the amount is more than twenty per cent. then the dues must be made higher than those set down in the tables. (E and G.)

2. Consult again the table of general results, (H) and if you find the sickness and mortality in your locality has been greater than the average, then also you must increase your dues, because the table of the committee is computed upon the basis of that average. Thus the average of sickness in Southern New York is one in 5.6, and of deaths one in 93; whereas the total average on which the tables are based is, sickness, one 6.3, and deaths one in 103. It is evident, therefore, that the rate of sickness in Southern New York is higher than the tables contemplate, and in that locality the dues should be correspondingly increased.

3. Having thus fixed the relative position of your lodge, and adjusted the rate of dues and benefits accordingly, the next step is to ascertain the ages of all the members respectively, which should be estimated at the nearest birthday.

4. Two questions now arise. Will you rely upon your regular dues to meet your engagements, and leave your fees for initiation and degrees to constitute a charity and contingent fund? Or will you make your fees pay the amount of the value of the life insurance? If the former, then add the amounts set opposite any age, in tables E and G, and you have the amount of dues that any man at that age must pay, which should be entered with his name upon the books of the lodge. Thus the value of an assurance of five dollars per week in sickness, at thirty years of age, is, by table G, $6.36. The value of an assurance of fifty dollars, funeral benefits, at the same age, is, by table E, $1.02. Add the two, and you have $7.38 as the sum to be paid by the man who is thirty years of age.

5. But if the intention is to make the fees for initiation and degrees pay the assurance of funeral benefits, then table E should not be added, but the correct amount will be found in table G.

6. In the latter case it remains to be determined what shall be the fees aforesaid. Take initiation by itself. The assurance is fifty dollars at death. Table E shows that the annual value of such insurance at thirty years of age is $1.025, and you want a *single payment* that shall be equal to that annual payment. Consult table C, and you find that the present value of an annuity of one dollar payable for life, on a man of thirty years of age, at five per cent., is $14.72. Multiply this by $1.025, the yearly payment, and you have $15.08 as the present value of the annuity, and that is the proper fee for initiation on these terms. The man who pays it, pays once for all the full value of his assurance of funeral benefits, for the full term of life, and that account

is settled on his part. The lodge has no more to do but invest the money, and keep it accumulating to meet the contract for funeral benefits when it matures. Fees for degrees may justly be placed upon the same footing, and it is perhaps the most just and equitable, as it certainly is the most simple method of arranging this matter.

So far as the principles of science are concerned, no harm can be seen as likely to result, if lodges should allow their members to choose between the single and the annual mode of payment, or even from allowing them to increase the amount of their life assurance at option, within certain limits, and under certain regulations and restrictions, bearing always in mind that a small number of men cannot mutually insure in a large amount with safety, for the reason that the law of mortality assumes the aspect of uniformity only among large masses of men.

You have now fixed your dues and adapted them to every age, and so arranged that the initiate pays as his fee for initiation that sum which, at his particular age, pays the full value of his life assurance, and have provided to grant an insurance of an additional sum to every degree taken; or you have fixed the price of initiation and degrees at a low rate, and designated them as contributions to a charity and contingent fund, and embraced both life and health insurance in your regular dues. The most difficult problem remains to be solved.

7. What shall be done with the funds in hand? They are the accumulations from the payments of members now in the Order. To them they have contributed, some three, some five, some ten, and some twenty years. It is not right that the veteran of sixty, who has regularly contributed to the funds of his lodge, should now be called upon to pay the advanced dues proper to his age, and at the same time be deprived of all advantage from his years of contribution. Neither is it right that he should be placed upon a par with a man who has been a member for five years, nor yet that the latter should be put upon an equality with the man who has not paid at all. The funds in hand belong, in justice, to those who have contributed them, and have remained faithful to their obligations. Among them they should be divided, not to be paid out and dissipated, but to be applied to their credit in the future operations of the lodge. The following method of procedure will accomplish the object properly and equitably. Ascertain the length of time that each member has been a contributor to the funds of the lodge, and divide the amount *pro rata* among them. This dividend should be held as a payment of the present value of an annuity, which is to be deducted from the amount of their annual dues, respectively. Thus the affairs of a lodge stands as follows:

Funds on hand or invested.....$200

| Members. | Age. | Time. | Total Years |
|---|---|---|---|
| A and B, | 25 | 3 years. | 6 |
| B and C, | 30 | 10 " | 20 |
| C and D, | 35 | 15 " | 30 |
| D and E, | 40 | 20 " | 40 |
| Total of membership..... | | | 96 years. |

Divide $200 by 96, and you have $2.08 as the amount due to each year of membership. D. has been twenty years a member, and his share is twenty times $2.08, or $41.60. His age is forty years, and his annual payment is, by table, $9.29 at that age. But this payment is to be reduced to the amount of an annuity, whose present value in a single payment equals his share of the funds, or $41.60. Consult table C, and you will find that at forty years of age the present value of an annuity of one dollar, at five per cent., is $13.39, by which divide the $41.60, and you have $3.10 as the annuity of the latter sum. Deduct this $3.10 from $9.29, which is the annual dues at forty years, and there remains the sum of $6.19, which D must pay annually instead of the $9.29, which he must have paid but for the funds in hand. The same process will determine the rate of payment proper for each member of the lodge, and thus each member will reap the full advantage of his equitable share of the fund to which he has contributed. But if the funds have been squandered, in whole or in part, or if the payments have been so small that no accumulations have been made, then there is loss, or nothing to divide, and the members must henceforth pay the value of their assurance, according to their ages, respectively.

After having adjusted the scale of dues and benefits according to the principles and directions above laid down, and repudiating entirely, as every prudent lodge will do, the idea of guarantying benefits to members on the death of their wives, of whose age and health the Lodge knows nothing, and without any equivalent whatever, justice requires that some equitable arrangement should be made for those who find it necessary to remove their membership from one lodge to another. The lodge is, or ought to be, the poor man's safety fund, where he deposites his small sums per month, week, or year, to accumulate, and serve him in the day of his calamity; and there is not practised in any civilized community a more flagrant piece of injustice than that which compels a man to forfeit all his deposites merely because he finds it necessary to remove to another place or State. If dues and benefits are adjusted upon a proper scale, the man who commences at thirty-three years of age, and regularly pays his dues, $6.36 per year, to any lodge, will at fifty years of age have a credit in that lodge of $127.09. The lodge is bound to insure him for the sum of $6.36 for the balance of his life. His insurance is worth $15.45 per year, and the deficiency is made up by the funds which he has paid into the treasury beforehand. If he draws his card, he loses and the lodge *gains* the sum of $127.09. To compel a man to forfeit such advantages by removal is bad enough, in all conscience, but to charge a man a fee for the card that thus robs him of his rights is like hanging a man and then compelling him to pay for the rope with which he is executed. If the man who has thus for twenty years performed his duty, and paid his money to the treasury of the Order, deposites his card in another lodge, he is charged of course full dues at fifty years of age, and a round fee for deposite of card, and has no item of advantage over the man who has never been within the pale of the Order. The truth is, when a man of fifty years of age, who has been twenty years a con

tributing member of a lodge which pays five dollars sick and fifty dollars funeral benefits, draws his card from the lodge, the lodge by that card cancels an engagement which would cost it $127, more or less, to fulfil. That sum the lodge holds for that purpose; it has been paid by the withdrawing member, and if he cancels the contract it is but simple justice that the lodge should refund him an equitable portion of the fund, that it may avail him in another section of the Order. If it be said that the present course of procedure is necessary to keep up the funds of the lodges, it is enough to reply that any system which involves the necessity of doing rank injustice is decidedly bad, and ought to be abandoned. We should do well always to remember that justice and righteousness constitute the only sure foundation on which any institution can build in safety, and the nearer we can bring our Order to practice upon these eternal principles the greater will be our assurance of a secure and prosperous future. We may make our Order a *purely benevolent* institution, whose benefits shall be distributed by the hand of charity and measured in amount by the funds that may be from time to time in hand, and in this case it may stand secure and live indefinitely. But if we make our benefits specific and their payment absolute, as a matter of right, then in that case we must measure our income by our benefits in accordance with the principles of science and the laws of nature, and in practice keep faith and do equal and exact justice to all men, or our fate is written in the history of those institutions, not a few, which have flourished for a night and withered in a day.

This supplement is closed with an invocation to the Author of all Good that he will grant us all wisdom to avoid the rocks and dangers that are before us, and enable us to outride the storms that so fiercely assail us, and anchor in a secure and peaceful haven at last.

I. D. WHILLIAMSON, *Chairman Committee.*

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following Committees:

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, Gyles, of South Carolina, Smith, of Maine.

*Legislative Committee.*—Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, McCord, of Iowa, Steele, of North Carolina.

*On Correspondence.*—Rep. Askew, of Delaware, Gruman, of Connecticut, Marley, of Maryland.

*On Finance.*—Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, Kempton, of Georgia, Kellogg, of Wisconsin.

*On Appeals.*—Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, Hunt, of District Columbia, Veitch, of Missouri.

*On Constitutions.*—Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, Drew, of Massachusetts, Lyman, of Alabama.

*On Petitions.*—Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, Williams, of Ohio, Jones, of Texas.

*On Returns.*—Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, Sligo, of Pennsylvania, Purdin, of California.

*On Printing.*—Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, Hackleman, of Indiana, Bradbury, of Vermont.

*On Mileage and Per Diem.*—Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, Mulford, of New Jersey, Smiley, of Tennessee.

*On Grand Bodies not Represented.*—Rep. Potts, of Illinois, Hicks, of Rhode Island, Foute, of Mississippi.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Grand Master of said State, informed this Grand Lodge that it had been invited by the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia to visit the Hall of Independence, at such hour to-morrow as may suit the convenience of the members.

The invitation thus extended was accepted by the Grand Lodge for the hour of twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, submitted a communication from Ashland Encampment, of Philadelphia, inviting the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge to partake of a repast at its Hall this evening; which invitation was accepted.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the report of Grand Sire Moore be referred to a select committee, for the purpose of allotting the several subjects therein referred to; and that two thousand copies of the same be printed for the use of Representatives.

The Chair named Reps. Senter, of New Hampshire, Robinson, of Virginia, and Froment, of Southern New York, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, two thousand copies of the report of Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, upon the subject of dues and benefits, with the accompanying tables, were ordered to be printed.

Rep. Sligo, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Grand Sire Wm. W. Moore, for the industry, dignity, and ability with which he discharged the important duties of the office of Grand Sire, during his term of office; and that this resolution be embodied in a Diploma, to be signed by the officers and members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved,* That the six months' term having failed to be beneficial to the Order in some of the jurisdictions, the law be so modified as to allow any Grand Lodge to return to the three months' term for their Subordinates, whenever they think the Order would be benefited by the change.

On motion of Rep. Hunt, of District Columbia, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1853

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave to be discharged from service on the Committee on Petitions.

The Chair named Rep. Haywood, of Ohio, upon said committee, in place of Rep. Williams, excused.

The Lodge proceeded to the call of States, pursuant to the Rule of Order, for the purpose of receiving and referring business to the appropriate committees.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, presented the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Maryland, against a decision of the Grand Lodge of that State.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY OF SOUTHERN NEW YORK,
ODD-FELLOWS' HALL, CITY OF NEW YORK, AUGUST 26TH, 1853.

*To Andre Froment and James W. Hale, Esquires, R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

BROTHERS: At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York, held at their room in Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the City of New York, amongst other business had was the adoption of the following, viz:

*Resolved*, That the six months' term for officers in Subordinate Lodges operates as a direct injury to the welfare, progress, and permanent stability of the Order in this jurisdiction.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to bring the question properly before that body of an early return to the three months' term, and advocate and enforce to the utmost of their ability the views of this Grand Lodge on this subject, and to use all other proper and becoming exertions to accomplish this object.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN J. DAVIES, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, presented the appeal of P. G. P. Alexander E. Glenn, from a decision of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, presented two appeals from the jurisdiction of Louisiana, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, submitted the following queries from that jurisdiction, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a brother who has only received the Patriarchal, or the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, entitled to the semi-annual password?

Can a Noble Grand refuse to confer the travelling password upon a brother who presents his travelling card, with a letter of request to that effect from his lodge, both under seal and in due form of law? If yea, when and under what circumstances?

In what manner, if any, can a Lodge get rid of a person who has been irregularly elected, whether through fraud or error? Can it be done before initiation, and how? and can it be done after initiation, and how?

When is a brother elected by card to be considered a member of the lodge electing him? Is any ceremony of introduction necessary? Must he be formally intro-

duced into the lodge and sign its constitution? What personal examination, if any, is necessary, and by whom and when to be made, of the applicant, to ascertain if he be in possession of the proper travelling password and of the degrees he professes to have attained? Is it competent for the lodge to investigate the condition of the applicant's health in the ante-room after a favorable ballot upon his petition? From what period in the ceremony of election, introduction, &c. would his dues to the lodge begin to run?

Rep. Jones, of Texas, presented the amended constitution, by-laws, and rules of order of the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas adopted at its annual session of 1853; also, the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order of Anson Jones' Encampment, No. 4, at Washington; which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Jones, of Texas, presented the petitions of Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Rio Grande Encampment, No. 9, and Anson Jones Encampment, No. 4, for a charter for a Grand Encampment for the State of Texas; which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, the petition of Bros. Wm. G. Webb and others, for a charter for a Subordinate Encampment at La Grange; which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, sundry resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Texas on the subject of benefits, &c.; which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of conferring on the State Grand Lodges the power to allow the Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction to meet once in two weeks, where such meeting once in two weeks would be deemed beneficial.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the propriety and expediency of prescribing a suitable regalia for a P. G. Master and P. G. Patriarch.

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"*Resolved*, That our R. W. G. Representatives to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to use their efforts in procuring the passage of a law to admit the wives of brothers who have taken the degree of Rebekah at the installation of the officers of Subordinate Lodges."

Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, presented the following invitation from the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which was laid on the table under the rule:

OFFICE GRAND SECRETARY OF SOUTHERN NEW YORK,
ODD-FELLOWS' HALL, CITY OF NEW YORK, AUGUST 26TH, 1853.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York, held at their Room, Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the city of New York, on Thursday evening, 25th instant, among other business had was the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Southern New York do hereby respectfully invite the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its next Annual Communication at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the City of New York.

JOHN J. DAVIES, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, presented certain resolutions from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina touching the abolition of Grand Encampments as a separate branch of the Order, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, presented the credentials of Rep. William Curtis, of Pennsylvania, and the credentials of Rep. William Denham, of Florida, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, submitted the following queries from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. What is the effect of the annulment of a final card? Is it equivalent to expulsion from the Order, or does it bring the holder back into the lodge granting the same, to be tried on the charges or reasons which induced its annulment, as other brothers are tried on similar charges?

2d. Do State Grand Lodges possess the exclusive power to adopt laws regulating the manner in which such cards shall be annulled, and, if not, what is the proper manner of proceeding in such cases?

Rep. Burton, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the communication from the Grand Encampment of Maine, having reference to a settlement of its indebtedness to this Grand Lodge, presented at the last session, be taken from the files and referred to the Finance Committee.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave to have his credentials, received since yesterday, placed on file.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved that the Lodge now take up for consideration the report of the special committee on dues and benefits.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved to postpone the subject until to-morrow, and that it be made the order of the day for 12 o'clock of that day, which was adopted.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved the following amendment to the sixteenth rule of order, which was not adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sixteenth rule of order be amended by striking out all after the words in italics, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "and if carried in the affirmative the vote shall be taken without further debate upon the pending question."

On motion of Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, the vote just had was reconsidered.

And the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the sixteenth by-law—

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session on Thursday morning next, at 9 o'clock, for instruction in the Work of the Order.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the book of diagrams and secret work of the Order be placed in the possession of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire during the session.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the new Journal of Proceedings to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question then being on the second resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution—

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, moved to amend by adding the words: "and one copy to each Grand Body under this jurisdiction."

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved to amend the amendment by adding thereto: "and that to the Grand Lodges which have heretofore purchased copies the money paid therefor be refunded."

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia?" and it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, it was adopted, and the third resolution of Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the law now in existence compelling the Subordinate Lodges working in a foreign language to keep their minutes in the English language, be so modified as to leave it to the discretion of State Grand Bodies to enforce the same in their respective jurisdictions.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, rose and announced the decease of P. G. Reps. David C. Churchill, Mark P. Taylor, and Richard C. Williams, of Ohio, and submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe to remove from us by death Bro. David Churchill, P. G. Master, Past Grand Patriarch, and Past Grand Representative of Ohio; also, P. G. Patriarch and Past Grand Representative Richard Williams, of Ohio; also, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative Mark P. Taylor, of Ohio; each of them able, devoted, and distinguished Odd Fellows, who, in the earlier days of the Order in their jurisdiction, labored with an untiring zeal, the evidence of which is found in the great prosperity of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States do

hereby extend their sympathies to the jurisdiction of Ohio, in the great loss it has sustained in the death of the distinguished Brothers Churchill, Taylor, and Williams.

*Resolved*, That the family and friends of our deceased brothers have our warmest sympathies in their afflictive bereavements.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Ohio, and to the families of the deceased brothers.

Rep. Potts, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was instituted and organized on the 5th day of May, 1853, at the Town of St. Paul, in the Territory of Minnesota: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the amount of dues accruing and owing by the Subordinate Lodges of said Territory, from the date of the institution of said Grand Lodge until the expiration of the semi-annual term, June 30, 1853, be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to take from us our late brother, P. G. M. William Mathews, Representative of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Kentucky to this Grand Lodge: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States sympathize with their brethren in the State of Kentucky, and with the friends and relations of our deceased brother, in the loss they have sustained.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Kentucky and the family of our deceased brother be furnished with a copy of the above preamble and resolutions.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, also presented the following query from the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"What is the greatest length of time to which a lodge can extend a suspension for cause?"

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge present to the Library of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association of this city one set of the bound copies of its printed Journal.

Rep. Humphrey, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows:

"And that one copy of the Revised Journal be presented to every Odd-Fellows' Library within the jurisdiction."

The question being on the amendment, it was not adopted.

The question recurring on the original resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Legislation be instructed to inquire into the expediency of the passage of a law making the terms of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States four years instead of two, as at present fixed by law.

Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution for the payment of our late Grand Officers, as some of them desire to leave the city:

JAS. W. HALE,
F. D. MULFORD.

*Resolved*, That the amounts set against the following names be and are hereby ordered to be paid.

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| Wm. W. Moore, P. Grand Sire | $17 00 |
| H. L. Page, P. Dep. Grand Sire | 135 00 |
| Andrew E. Warner, P. Grand Treasurer | 13 00 |
| John Sessford, Jr., P. Grand Marshal | 17 00 |

On motion, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire be directed to procure a portrait of P. G. Sire William W. Moore, to be placed in the office of the Grand Secretary, and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars to pay for the same.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the certificates of the following Representatives, and find them correct in form and duly authenticated; and that the Representatives named are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| G. Sec. William Curtis, | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. Robert H. Clark, | Delaware. |
| P. G. William Denham, | Florida. |
| P. G. Benjamin W. Brunson, | Minnesota. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. P. William Ellison, | Massachusetts. |

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
C. BILLINGHURST,
LUTHER J. GLENN.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that at the session of 1852 P. G. William Rounsville was admitted to a seat as

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, under the usual form of certificate; that his name was retained in the class of members for 1852, 1853; and that he is now here in occupancy of said seat.

It also appears that the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at a session held October 15, 1851, elected P. G. M. Isaac G. Wilson the Representative "for two years;" that Bro. Wilson failed to appear at the session of 1852; that Bro. Rounsville was commissioned by the Grand Master as the Representative; and that his name is on the roll for the present session.

Bro. Wilson is now present and claims the seat.

Your committee are of opinion that Bro. Wilson, having been elected by the Grand Lodge of Illinois a Representative for two years, is not affected in his rights to the seat at the present session by the fact of a substitute having occupied his place in his absence: they therefore, with the consent of the sitting member, report in favor of the claim of P. G. M. Wilson to the seat now occupied by P. G. Rounsville.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
C. BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the proper officers be requested to enclose fourteen copies of the Grand Secretary's Report in wrappers, for the purpose of mailing, and that they be placed upon the desks of the Representatives to-morrow morning.

Rep. Williamson, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for a Grand Lodge in the jurisdiction of California, report as follows:

It appears in evidence before your committee that a petition for a Grand Lodge in California has been acted upon by the Executive of this Grand Lodge during the recess, and a dispensation issued, in pursuance of which the Grand Lodge of California has been duly opened and organized. The committee, deeming this action of the Executive proper, and calculated to promote the best interests of the Order, recommend that it be confirmed, and that a charter be regularly issued to the said Grand Lodge, to be located at San Francisco.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
N. HAYWARD,
ANSON JONES.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the certificate of P. G. Matthew Purdin, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of California, and find it correct in form and duly authenticated; and that he is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
C. BILLINGHURST,
LUTHER J. GLENN.

Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be directed to make immediate arrangements for the printing of the Daily Journal, and that the proceedings be laid upon the tables of the members at the opening of each morning session.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report to this body on Wednesday morning all business remaining unfinished at the time of adjournment in 1852.

The Chair named Reps. Williams, of Ohio, Chapman, of Indiana, and Glenn, of Georgia, as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on said committee.

The Chair named Rep. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, on the said committee, vice Rep. Glenn, excused.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge, on motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved in procession and in regalia to visit the Hall of Independence, in accordance with the invitation of the Mayor of Philadelphia and the resolution adopted accepting the same.

The Grand Lodge having returned to its hall, Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that the certificate of P. G. M. Robert O. Shaw, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, is in form and duly authenticated, and that he is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
C. BILLINGHURST,
LUTHER J. GLENN.

On motion of Rep. Saunders, of Northern New York, the Lodge agreed to take a recess for thirty minutes.

The time prescribed for recess having expired, the Chair (D. G. Sire Manchester presiding) called the Lodge to order.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, with the accompanying resolutions:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects contained therein to appropriate committees, having attended to that duty, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, 1st. That so much of said report as relates to the Order in British North America be referred to a special committee of three.

2d. That so much as relates to the granting a dispensation for a charter to the Grand Lodge of California be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

3d. That so much as relates to the granting of dispensations for Lodges and Encampments in Oregon, New Mexico, and Texas, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

4th. That so much as relates to the decisions of the Worthy Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

5th. That so much as relates to the "suspension of membership for arrears" be referred to the Legislative Committee.

6th. That so much as relates to granting dispensations for lodges in the Army be referred to the same committee.

TIM. G. SENTER,
E. C. ROBINSON,
ANDRE FROMENT.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report and resolutions were considered and adopted.

The Chair named, as the special committee provided for in the resolution upon the subject of British North America, Reps. Barnard, of Northern New York, Senter, of New Hampshire, and Mullen, of Massachusetts.

Rep. Lyman, of Alabama, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, presented the following invitation from the Brethren of the City of Philadelphia, which was, on motion of Rep. Gruman, of Connecticut, accepted:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: The members of the Order in Philadelphia, duly appreciating the honor of the meeting of your honorable body in their city, most cordially invite the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States to participate in a festival, to be held at the Hall of the Chinese Museum, Ninth street, below Chestnut street, at 8½ o'clock on the evening of Thursday, September 8th, 1853.

WILLIAM ENGLISH,
WILLIAM CURTIS,
*Reps. Grand Lodge.*

GEORGE SLIGO,
PETER B. LONG,
*Reps. Grand Encampment.*

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, adopted February 10, 1853, and recommend the approval of the same.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, and recommend the approval of the same

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, adopted July, 1853, in Articles I, XIII, and XIV, and recommend that the same be approved.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Kempton, of Georgia, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Book of Diagrams (of the unwritten Work of the Order) for each Grand Lodge and Encampment under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that it be furnished to each jurisdiction at its cost.

On motion, the resolution was referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair named Rep. Kempton, of Georgia, Barnard, of Northern New York, and Smith, of Maine, as the committee.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved that the subject of the Report of the Committee on Rmendments to the Constitution be made the special order for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, the consideration of the motion of Rep. Askew was postponed until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, presented the appeal of Elijah Hughes from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion of Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, was added to the Committee on Printing.

Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials having reported adverse to Rep. Rounsville, of Illinois, retaining his seat at the present session, your committee, having consulted with the highest authorities, recommend that the sum of $132 be and is hereby appropriated to pay the per diem and mileage of Rep. Rounsville.

JAMES W. HALE,
F. D. MULFORD,
THOMAS T. SMILEY.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution of Rep. Froment authorizing State Grand Lodges to dispense with the law which requires lodges working in a foreign language to keep a copy of their records in the English language, would respectfully report, that in the opinion of the committee the proposed modification could be made without any injurious results. In the early history of the Order, when our laws and usages were less settled than they are now, it was considered necessary to require lodges working in a foreign language to keep their records in the English language as well as in their own tongue, that the proper authorities might see that their legislation, as well as their decisions, were constitutional and proper. But these reasons do not now exist. A large number of these lodges have attained considerable age, and an experience in the work and legislation of the Order equal to many of those working in our own language, while their membership have become generally familiarized with our laws and usages.

But there is another reason inducing your committee to arrive at a conclusion favorable to Rep. Froment's proposition. Our American Lodges often find it difficult to obtain the services of competent brethren to act as Secretary. How much more embarrassed, therefore, must our German Lodges find themselves, who have either to select that officer from the small proportion of their membership who can write fluently and correctly in both languages, or else to compensate some one constantly for acting as American Secretary to translate their regular record into our language—records which it is doubtful, in a ma-

jority of cases, whether they are ever read entirely through by their superior officers, after all the labor and expense spent in their preparation. Besides, we have always trusted our foreign brethren implicitly with our ritual, our secrets, our passwords. We confide absolutely in their integrity in every thing else but their records. *Those* we require to be doubly kept, but with no assurance, it should be remembered, higher than their fidelity to their obligations, that the translated record is a faithful copy of the original. Your committee, therefore, believing that sufficient guards can yet be preserved in this matter, without absolutely requiring the law to be continued in all cases, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the various State Grand Lodges are hereby authorized to permit lodges under their jurisdiction, which work in foreign languages, to dispense with an American copy of their records. But that it shall always be competent for said Grand Lodges, or their proper Executive Officers having jurisdiction over said lodges, to compel them to furnish extracts from their minutes, translated into the English language, whenever they shall require it.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WILLIAM R. SMITH.

The hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, presented the credentials of Rep. Dunlap, from the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the decisions of the M. W. G. Sire during the recess, as embodied in his report, have considered the same, and respectfully report:

*Decision* 1. We recommend its confirmation.

*Decision* 2. We recommend its confirmation.

*Decision* 3. The committee are unable to agree with the M. W. G. Sire in this decision. We do not recognise the doctrine that a District Deputy Grand Sire has a right to appoint a Deputy. The powers of

that officer are conferred upon him by the eighteenth by-law of this body, and additional authority of this character should not be conferred on him by implication. Other officers appointed by the M. W. G. Sire have no legal powers to delegate their authority to deputies. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, &c. must perform their trusts in person, or allow the proper authority to devolve them upon others in their place. And it is difficult to see why this stretch of power should be exercised in favor of officers, whose titles show them to be themselves but deputies. The correct rule, as the committee believe, is that an agent cannot delegate his authority to a sub-agent, unless that power is expressly given to him in the instrument by which he is appointed. Our by-laws give District Deputy Grand Sires no power to substitute others in their place, with the additional authority which the Grand Sire's decision would give to them of compelling lodges to recognise such substitutes under penalty of arraignment. Nor, in the opinion of the committee, is this power *necessary* for installing purposes, as the Grand Sire's decision seems to assume. In the absence of the superior installing officer, our laws expressly authorize a qualified Past Grand to act in his stead; and in 1848 (see page 1246, volume 2) the Grand Lodge of the United States went still further, and adopted a report which authorizes a Noble Grand to install his successor, in the absence of all officers of higher rank who are qualified to perform that duty. The committee, therefore, are constrained to recommend that this decision of the W. G. Sire should *not* be confirmed by this body.

*Decision* 4. We recommend its confirmation.

*Decision* 5. The committee regard this decision of the Grand Sire as eminently proper, as well as necessary. No law or decision of our Order heretofore has designated in what manner a brother who has resigned his membership should be allowed to renew it. Being without our usual voucher of good standing—a regular withdrawal card—he certainly should *not* be admitted on as favorable terms as those who have that passport; while, having been once regularly initiated, and being in good standing when he resigned his membership, he certainly *should* be re-admitted on more favorable terms than those who had never before passed our portals. The decision of the Grand Sire, that he should be admitted as an ancient Odd-Fellow, after examination of character by a committee and a favorable ballot, is, in the opinion of the committee, just to such applicants as well as to the Order; and we recommend its confirmation.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas, requesting legislation so as to require Subordinate Lodges, through their Secretaries, on issu-

ing visiting cards, to endorse thereon the amounts allowed for benefits and funeral expenses, and the date from which the holder is entitled to benefits, respectfully report:

That a great necessity exists for the legislation prayed for. Brethren away from their residences and needing relief are unable to procure the same from want of proper means to inform the neighboring lodges of the amount of relief they are entitled to from their own lodges.

The committee recommend therefore that the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas be referred to the Legislative Committee, to report a by-law requiring the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges to endorse on all visiting cards the amount of benefits paid by the lodge to sick members, and also the amounts paid for funeral benefits; and also requiring lodges to whom application is made by visiting brethren for relief when sick, to furnish the amount allowed by the lodge granting the card, when satisfied that the applicant needs assistance, taking his draft for the same, the draft to be forthwith paid by the lodge on whom it is drawn.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JNO. A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. P. Alexander E. Glenn from a decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, have examined the papers placed in their possession, and find as follows:

At a meeting of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in July, 1852, a special committee of three was appointed to report at the October session a revised constitution and general laws, based upon a representative system and annual sessions. The committee reported at the October session a revised constitution, which was ordered to be printed, and made the special order for the first day of the January session, 1853. In January the revised constitution was taken up, and, after sundry amendments, the question upon its adoption was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative, the Chair ruling that it required a two-thirds vote to alter or amend the constitution. From this decision of the Chair, P. G. P. Glenn appealed to the Grand Encampment, and the Chair was sustained. Whereupon P. G. P. Glenn asked and obtained leave to take an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the reason that the Grand Encampment of Ohio was not considering any alteration of or amendment to its constitution, but that it was an entire new instrument, and that it was competent for a majority to adopt it. Your committee are of the opinion that the new draft was a revision of the old constitution, and the question upon its adoption came under the requirements of article 12th section 1st of the constitution then in force, making it necessary to have a two-thirds vote.

The committee would recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio in the case of the appeal of P. G. P. Alexander E. Glenn be confirmed.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
R. FINLEY HUNT,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. J. N. Marks from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, have examined the documents submitted to them, and find as follows:

A report and resolutions were submitted by the Finance Committee, when a demand was made for a vote by lodges. P. G. Marks raised the question as to the votes each lodge would be entitled to, part of the representatives being absent. The Grand Master decided that when the representatives were agreed, either in the affirmative or negative, the lodge would be entitled to its full vote, but where part were for the affirmative and part for the negative, that the lodge would only be entitled to the votes of those present, for the reason that the opinion of the absent representatives not being ascertained the voice of the lodge could not be known, as those absent might also be divided in their opinion. From this decision of the Chair, P. G. Marks appealed, which appeal was put and the decision of the Chair sustained. P. G. Marks then asked and obtained leave to appeal from this decision to the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the following grounds, to wit: That article 3d section 6th of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana declares that when a vote is taken by lodges, each subordinate in good standing shall be entitled to as many votes as it can send representatives, under section 1st of this article.

Your committee can find no other law bearing on this subject than that contained in the constitution already referred to; and, in the absence of any more definite regulation, the committee believe that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana does not conflict with the article already referred to, but was intended as an equitable method of meeting an emergency not provided for by any other particular constitutional enactment. The committee see no reason for reversing the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and would therefore recommend for the adoption of this R. W. body the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the case of the appeal of P. G. J. N. Marks be confirmed.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
R. FINLEY HUNT,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. G. W. Race from a decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, have examined the papers and documents submitted to them and beg leave to present the following report:

At an adjourned meeting of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana the following resolution, explanatory of section 6th article 3d of the constitution, was offered by P. G. Larue:

*Resolved*, That section 9 of article 3d of the constitution of this Grand Lodge be so construed as to permit the representatives of subordinate lodges, when divided in opinion, to vote per capita, but that when one or more than one are present and not divided in opinion, then he or they shall be entitled to cast the full vote to which the lodge is entitled, according to the number of its representatives.

Upon this resolution the yeas and nays were called, and resulted in the affirmative, by a vote of 27 yeas to 11 nays. Whereupon P. G. G. W. Race asked for and obtained permission to appeal from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to the Grand of the United States, for the following reasons, to wit: That the passage of the resolution was new legislation—an amendment to the constitution under the guise of construing an article thereof—and was in consequence a clear violation of article 10th, which requires that all amendments must be presented, &c., and lie over for subsequent action, and must be adopted by a majority of two-thirds.

Your committee believe that it is within the province of a Grand Lodge to interpret its own constitution, or the constitution of its subordinates, if the meaning of any article is obscure, and the interpretation does not change clearly and palpably the meaning thereof. Such your committee believe to be the case in the interpretation cited above. It more clearly defines the meaning of the article above referred to, and is only following out a natural corollary. Your committee do not see that the passage of the above mentioned resolution is in violation of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and can find no reason why the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana should be reversed. They therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the case of the appeal of P. G. G. W. Race be confirmed.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
R. FINLEY HUNT,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred a document from J. L. Polhemus, who represents himself as Vice Grand of El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, located in Sacramento city, California, which document purports to be an appeal from a decision of D. D. Grand Sire S. H. Parker, declaring it necessary, in consequence of some informality, to or-

der a new election of officers, thereby depriving the appellant of his office of Vice Grand, would respectfully ask leave to report, that it does not come within the rule of this Grand Lodge to receive and act upon unofficial papers and complaints of individual members of the Order. The process to reach this Grand Body is clearly defined.

As upon the institution of a Grand Lodge in the State of California, all Subordinates in said State passed immediately under its jurisdiction, the proper course would be to present the complaint to that body, and obtain their consent to bring it before this tribunal. The committee would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
R. FINLEY HUNT,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals find on their files a document from Jas. E. Sabine, dated Santa Fe, June 30, 1853, directed to James L. Ridgely, Esq., Grand Secretary, asking this Grand Lodge to sustain them in suspending article 6th section 8th of the constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, which requires that a brother must serve twenty-six nights in some subordinate office in order to qualify him for the Vice Grand's chair, and a service in the Vice Grand's chair to qualify him for the chair of the Noble Grand, except in cases of the institution of new lodges. Brother Sabine assigns as a reason for the suspension of this article in their constitution the removal of their Vice Grand and Secretary, without assigning any reason for said removal. Your committee consider the document unofficial in its character, and not a proper subject in its present form for the legislation of this Grand Body. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
R. FINLEY HUNT,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions respectfully ask leave to report as follows:

Your committee have before them sundry petitions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and the action of the Executive thereon during the recess, and recommend the following action by this Grand Lodge in the premises.

In the case of the petition for a Grand Encampment of the State of Texas, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and a Grand Charter be issued accordingly.

In the case of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, that the action of the Executive be confirmed, and a charter issued.

In the case of the application for a charter for an Encampment at Washington, Texas, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for Johnson Encampment, No. 5, at Austin, Texas, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for an Encampment at Huntsville, Texas, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for an Encampment at Santa Fe, New Mexico, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for Golden Gate Encampment, California, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, at Portland, Oregon, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for Bugle Lodge, No. 3, at Fort Union, New Mexico, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

The committee ask leave to say that they have in hand a petition from the above named Bugle Lodge, No. 3, asking that the lodge may work in other places than that in which it is located, from the further consideration of which your committee ask to be discharged, and recommend that the same be referred to the committee having in charge so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the establishment of lodges in the Army.

In the case of the petition for an Encampment at La Grange, Texas, your committee say, that, inasmuch as they have reported in favor of establishing a Grand Encampment in that State, it would be preferable that the Subordinate Encampment should receive its charter from the Grand Body, under whose jurisdiction it must work, and therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

In the cases of Charity Lodge, No. 6, and El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, of California, praying for a remission of dues to this Grand Lodge, your committee are of the opinion that the extraordinary influx of strangers into that country; the unsettled state of its population; the large number of helpless and distressed brethren requiring the kind offices of the lodges; the heavy drafts thus made upon the funds of the Order, and the alacrity with which the brethren in that quarter have responded to these calls upon their beneficent action, are circumstances that fairly entitle the lodges in that jurisdiction to be placed in the category of exceptions to a general rule, and give them a claim upon the liberal consideration of this Grand Lodge, so far as pecuniary matters are concerned. Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners in these cases be granted.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
NELSON HAYWARD,
ANSON JONES.

On motion, so much of the said report as refers to the application from Bugle Lodge, No. 3, New Mexico, for power to make the lodge moveable, was referred to the special committee on that subject.

The residue of the report was laid on the table, under the rule.

A letter was presented from Bro. James P. Kelley, the Noble Grand of Commercial Lodge, No. 256, of Philadelphia, inviting this Grand Lodge to visit the hall of Commercial Lodge this evening; which invitation was, on motion of Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, unanimously accepted.

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was accepted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that the certificate of P. G. P. J. G. Dunlap, as a Representative of the Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, is duly authenticated, and that he is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

J. A. KENNEDY,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
C. BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Jones, of District Columbia, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Encampment, while admitting the propriety of amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States in a very few minor points, will steadily and firmly oppose any alterations that have a tendency to change the organization or form of government of our Order, or to interfere with the official relations, duties, and powers of the bodies composing it.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the law now in existence, requiring lodges working in a foreign language to keep their minutes in the English language, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that hereafter it shall be competent for all State Grand Bodies, within whose jurisdiction it may be deemed necessary to have the minutes or other records of Lodges or Encampments working in a foreign language kept also in the English language, to enact such laws to effect that object as they may find requisite: *Provided*, That such laws do not conflict with any other of the existing laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, from the select committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business upon the table find as follows:

Resolution of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1914, in reference to a form of dedicating Grand and Subordinate Lodges.*

* The Journal, at pages 1954-65, shows that this resolution was adopted at the last session, and Reps. Seymour, of South Carolina, Hunt, of District Columbia, and Smith, of Maine, appointed a committee to prepare the required form of ceremony, and report at this session.

Amendment to the By-Laws, by Rep. Shelly, of Alabama, pages 1953 and 1954.

Resolution presented by Rep. Dufour, of Indiana, page 1942.

Resolution of Rep. Hunt, page 1965.

Amendments to the By-Laws, offered by Rep. Dufour, page 1966.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM G. WILLIAMS,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
D. WILKINSON.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the last session of this body requiring the draft of the constitution, by-laws, rules of order, &c. of the select committee to lie upon the table during the present session be rescinded.

*Resolved*, That the draft of the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order reported by the select committee be taken up and considered as in committee of the whole; and that the same, after having been considered and perfected, be reported to the next session for adoption.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, inquired of the Chair whether it was now in order to receive amendments to the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, as well as amendments to the report of the special committee upon that subject? and whether amendments offered at this time may be acted on at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1854?

The Chair ruled as follows: "That at the present state of the question amendments to the constitution are not in order, inasmuch as a motion is now before the body for consideration; but that so soon as the body is disengaged, amendments to the constitution, constitutionally proposed, will be in order, and such amendments will lie over until the next communication. Such amendments will also be amendments to the report of the committee, when so stated.

The question being on the resolutions moved by Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the resolutions on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom the memorial of the Grand Encampment of Maine was referred, beg leave to report:

That the Grand Encampment of Maine is now indebted to this Grand Lodge in the sum of $241.15.

From the statement made to the committee, we are satisfied that the Grand Encampment is unable now to pay this debt; but it proposes, through its Grand Representatives, to discharge it by the payment of $50 per annum, and the interest on the whole principal annually, until the entire debt is liquidated.

The committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be authorized to settle the claim against the Grand Encampment of Maine upon the terms proposed in the above report.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report and resolution accompanying were considered and adopted.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for examination, having attended to their duty, beg leave to offer the following report:

That the returns from the following Grand Lodges are correct, viz: Kentucky, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Georgia, South Carolina, Southern New York, Northern New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, California, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, Vermont, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Mississippi, Iowa, Florida, Louisiana, Virginia, and Michigan.

The returns from Connecticut are deficient in the seal and signatures of the Grand Officers.

All the returns from the following Grand Encampments are correct, viz: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, Iowa, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Louisiana, North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Northern New York.

The returns from the following Subordinate Lodges are correct, viz: Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, Paradise, No. 2, Bugle, No. 3, of New Mexico; Excelsior, No. 1, of Honolulu; Minnesota, No. 1, Saint Paul, No.2, John G. Potts, No. 3, and Hennepin, No. 4, of Minnesota.

The returns from the following Subordinate Encampments are correct, viz: Minnesota, No. 1, of Minnesota; Rio Grande, No. 2, of Texas; Ascutney, No. 2, and Green Mountain, No. 3, of Vermont; Eagle, No. 1, Arkansas, No. 2, Fort Smith, No. 3, of Arkansas; Lone Star, No. 1, and Anson Jones, No. 4, of Texas.

As several of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, have violated Article thirty-four of the By-Laws, in not having made their returns within the time specified by said law, your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Sire take immediate measures to have the charters of all such delinquents recalled.

TIMO. G. SENTER,
GEORGE SLIGO,
MATTHEW PURDIN.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That a dispensation be granted to the Grand Master of Kentucky to confer the Grand Lodge degree in the Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Covington or Maysville, Kentucky, upon those Past Grands who are entitled to receive it, and may present themselves upon that occasion.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That after the 1st day of January, 1854, the price of supplies furnished to Grand and Subordinate Lodges be as follows, viz: Charge Books, $1.00 each; Degree Books, including form for opening and closing, $1.00 each; Degree of Rebekah Books, 50 cents each; Diplomas, $1.00 each; Cards, 5 cents each; Odes, $1.00 per hundred copies.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Petitions have before them a document purporting to be a petition from seven patriarchs for an Encampment at Sacramento city, California. The paper is not properly authenticated, and your committee are entirely without legal evidence of the regular standing of the applicants. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the petition be referred to the Executive of this Grand Lodge, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners on receiving the proper evidence of their regular standing.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
NELSON HAYWARD,
ANSON JONES.

Rep. Lyford, of New Hampshire, rose and announced the death of P. G. Rep. Walter French, late of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased the all-wise Dispenser of all things to remove from this imperfect and terrestrial lodge, to the all-glorious and celestrial lodge above, our well-beloved brother Past Grand Representative Walter French, who was the first Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge from the State of New Hampshire—a brother whose heart was deeply imbued with the spirit of our beloved Order, and whose life in all relations of society was such as to endear him to all with whom he became associated—therefore,

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge deeply sympathizes with the family and friends of our deceased brother, and that we tender them our condolence.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be entered on the journal, and a copy presented to the family of the deceased.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed to report at the next session a form of ceremony for installing the officers of this Grand Lodge.

The Chair named Reps. Veitch, of Missouri, Chapman, of Indiana, and Taylor, of New Jersey, as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Representatives from Louisiana, appointed a committee to supervise the printing and publishing the work of Subordinate Lodges in the French, German, and Spanish languages, report that said work has been translated into German and furnished to those jurisdictions requiring it in that language for some years past, and that a translation of the same into Spanish, in their opinion, is inexpedient, inasmuch as the necessity no longer exists.

They also desire to state that the printing of the work in French has been delayed, for the reason that the translation submitted at your last session was found to be imperfect in many particulars. They therefore beg to suggest that an adequate appropriation be made to secure a correct translation, and the printing of a sufficient number of copies of the entire work of the subordinate branches of the Order in the French language.

Fraternally, &c.

JOHN CRICKARD,
G. W. RACE,
J. G. DUNLAP.

Rep. Hayward, of Ohio, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the constitution:

Amend the 18th article by inserting the words, "and amended, if the proposed amendments be concurred in by two-thirds of the votes given," after the words "may be considered."

Rep. Potts, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to give their decision and report upon the following question:

In case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members of the lodge having refused to accept the office, is the lodge justifiable in electing a scarlet member to fill the vacancy?

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of changing the law on the subject of permanent cards, so as to require the payment of one year's dues beyond the time of withdrawal; a brother having his permanent card, thus obtained, to be entitled to all the pecuniary benefits of the lodge from which he has withdrawn and from the Order at large for the space of one year.

Rep. Saunders, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges be authorized to permit invited guests to be present at the installation of officers, provided that no other business shall be done during said installation, and that all ceremonies relative to entering and leaving the lodge be suspended at the time.

Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Kentucky have leave to alter its constitution so as to change the regular session from semi-annual to annual.

Rep. Day, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be and is hereby instructed to report, at our next annual meeting, an appropriate opening and closing ceremony for the Degree of Rebekah, and that the same committee report upon the propriety of admitting the daughters of Odd-Fellows to the privilege of said degree.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, The the sum of ——— be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of translating, printing, and publishing an edition of the work of the subordinate branch of the Order, including the degree of Rebekah, in the French language.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee inquire into the expediency of providing a law for the better definition of the powers of Lodges touching suspension for cause, so as to limit all such suspensions to a period which shall not be longer than the time at which a member would become suspended for arrearages of dues.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The special order fixed for 12½ o'clock, to wit, the consideration of the report of the special committee on "dues and benefits," was on motion postponed until 1½ o'clock.

Rep Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, from the majority of the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee on Credentials, respectfully report:

That at our last annual communication P. G. M. Oliver Dufour was regularly accredited to this Grand Body as the Representative from the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana for the full term of two years, and appeared and took his seat as such representative at that communication.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, at its July session A. D. 1853, declared a vacancy in the office of representative, by occasion of the removal of Bro. Dufour from the State, and elected P. G. D. Woolsey to fill the vacancy, and your committee have been furnished with his credentials, in due form and authenticated. Each of these brothers appear, and ask a seat in this Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Dufour informs your committee that in the month of May last he accepted a clerkship in the Government Land Office at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and entered upon the duties of that clerkship at Washington. That in the month of July last he returned to the State of Indiana, and disposed of the principal portion of his personal effects, and removed with his family to the District of Columbia, to continue in the employment of the Government; but that he yet owns his house and lot at Vevay, in Indiana, and has left there some of his personal effects, and that he left the State of Indiana with the bona fide intention of returning to that State as soon as his employment in the Government should cease. Brother Dufour is not able to inform your committee what may be the duration of his stay in the District of Columbia, whether one or many years.

Sec. 2, art. x. of the Constitution reads as follows: "No brother shall represent a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in this Grand Lodge unless he resides in the State, District, or Territory where the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of which he offers himself as a representative is located." Sec. 4 of the same article provides that "all vacancies occurring in the office of representative of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment during a recess may be filled in such manner as the State, District, or Territorial Grand Bodies may prescribe by law."

As to what constitutes a *residence* usually involves many questions of law and fact. As to the *fact* whether or not Bro. Dufour resides in the State of Indiana, the undersigned are of opinion that the Grand Lodge of Indiana are more competent to judge than this Grand Body, and that body have determined that Bro. Dufour has vacated his seat by removal from his State.

The undersigned are not satisfied, from any evidence brought before the committee, that Bro. Dufour now *resides* in the State of Indiana, except by legal construction, and as to his constructive residence in that State the undersigned are not without doubt. They therefore prefer to give to the Grand Lodge of Indiana the benefit of that doubt, and are not in favor of disturbing its action, in declaring the office of representative vacant and electing P. G. D. Woolsey to fill that vacancy. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That P. G. Daniel Woolsey be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, for the unexpired portion of P. G. M. Oliver Dufour's term.

C. BILLINGHURST,
LUTHER J. GLENN.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the minority of the Committee on Credentials, made the following report.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

A minority of the Committee on Credentials, to which was referred the claim of P. G. Conductor Woolsey, for the seat in this Grand Lodge occupied by Rep. Dufour, of Indiana, begs leave to report:

That p ior to the session of 1852 the Grand Lodge of Indiana elected Oliver Dufour Grand Representative for two years, in pursuance of which he was admitted to his seat at that session, leaving one year unexpired of the term for which he was elected when the Grand Lodge adjourned.

During last spring he received an appointment under the Government of the United States, and as a Government officer has taken up his abode in Washington.

Previous to removing his family from Vevay, he notified the Grand Master of his inability to attend the then approaching session of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and invited the Grand Master to advise him in Washington of any instructions designed to govern the Grand Representatives.

This communication was referred to a committee, who reported that it required no action. Meanwhile the Grand Master, on July 20th, declared the seat of Rep. Dufour vacant, and on an appeal the decision was sustained by the Grand Lodge; whereupon the Grand Lodge elected P. G. Cond. D. Woolsey to fill the vacancy so made.

The question before this Grand Lodge, therefore, is, had a vacancy occurred at the time P. G. Cond. Woolsey was elected?

Careful examination has been made of the laws and such precedents as are analogous to the question involved, and great difficulties are freely admitted to exist. Regard has been paid to the signification of term "residence" in its common and legal sense, and the nature of official residence at the seat of government has been officially considered.

It is well known that the clause in the constitution, requiring Grand Representatives to be resident in the jurisdiction represented, was only intended, at the time it was adopted, to utterly terminate the proxy system, by requiring a Representative to be actually in membership in the body he represents. It was seen, so soon as proxies were abolished, that the reform intended thereby could be evaded by parties residing in the jurisdictions becoming connected with the Order in such jurisdictions as might desire to select them as Representatives; to prevent which the clause on residence was adopted, and not to unseat any Representative who, having entered on his duties in good faith, should be compelled by circumstances to change his place of abode. But where the Representative has made such change merely to enable him to discharge his duties as a government official, he is less liable to be regarded as under the prohibition of the clause alluded to. Such change is as temporary as is the residence of the members of this Grand Lodge now present in the city of Philadelphia—nearly certain to terminate on the close of the session.

In the case of the Grand Lodge of Michigan against Oriental Lodge, No. 19, of the District of Columbia, the Committee on the State of the Order, in reporting, did not regard the declaration of the person who was initiated by Oriental Lodge, of being a resident of Washington, as decisive of the fact, his residence being entirely dependant on the will of superior officials. Such has always been the character of official residence in any part of the country, but more especially is it so at the

seat of government. In view of which many of the States protect their elective franchise by prohibiting persons in the employ of Government from acquiring the right of suffrages on removing into the State while so employed.

In the case referred to, it does not appear that Rep. Dufour claims to have changed his residence to the District of Columbia, but, on the contrary, to have left a domicil, occupied by a portion of his family, in Indiana; and that, although he disposed by sale of such of his household furniture as was not required in his absence from home, he has retained sufficient for the use of that part of the family remaining.

Independent, therefore, of the fact of a temporary absence in the discharge of official duty not working in any case a change of residence, Rep. Dufour, maintaining a domicile in that State, is more especially free from being regarded as having changed his residence.

In view whereof, the seat of Rep. Dufour not being vacant, P. G. Cond. D. Woolsey is not entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

J. A. KENNEDY.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved that the report of the minority of the committee be adopted instead of that of the majority.

The hour of 1½ o'clock having arrived, fixed for the consideration of the report of the special committee on "dues and benefits," on motion, said order was discharged, and the subject further postponed to 3 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge then resumed the consideration of the motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, to substitute the report of the minority of the Committee on Credentials, in the matter of the contested seat of Rep. Dufour, of Indiana, for the majority report.

After debate, Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge agree to the motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, to adopt the report of the minority of the Committee on Credentials in the matter of the contested seat of Rep. Dufour, of Indiana?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Baily, Bishop, 2 votes, Bradbury, Carpenter, Curtis, Day, English, Froment, Gruman, Gyles, Hale, Hicks, 2 votes, Hunter, Hyde, Jones, of Texas, Kempton, Kennedy, Kellogg, of Michigan, Long, Lyford, Lyman, Marley, Moore, 2 votes, Mountford, Purdin, Race, Ridgely, Robinson, Senter, Seymour, Shaw, Sligo, Smiley, Smith, of Maine, Stacy, Steele, 2 votes, Veitch, Wilkinson, Williamson, Wilson, Woodward, Wolford, Young, Zimmerman—48.

NAYS—Askew, Barnard, Barry, Billinghurst, Bridgman, Brunson, Bryson, Burton, Carlisle, Chapman, Clark, Colfax, Crickard, Della Torre, Drew, Dunlap, Edmonds, Fitzhugh, Foute, Glenn, 2 votes, Hackleman, Harmon, Hayward, Hodgson, Hopkins, Humphrey, 2 votes, Hunt, Ingraham, Jones, J. B. Kellogg, L. H. Kellogg, McCord, Mulford, Mullen, 2 votes, Potts, Rucker, Sanders, Smith, of Northern New York, Steele, Taylor, Tuthill, Williams—45.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing having had under consideration bids for printing the daily revised journal of proceedings of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report that the proposal of Bro. James Young, of the city of Baltimore, on careful computation by practical printers, was found to be the lowest, and has been accepted by your committee, and a contract entered into for the execution of the work, in conformity with his bid, and on paper of quality of sample attached to contract. In conclusion, your committee would recommend the re-adoption of the resolution reported by the Committee on Printing at the Session of 1852. See Journal, page 1922.

A. S. KELLOGG,
P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHAS. W. BRADBURY,
WM. CURTIS.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, with the accompanying resolution, which were considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom were referred various communications addressed to the M. W. G. Sire and the R. W. G. Secretary, beg leave respectfully to report that the various letters have been carefully examined by the committee.

They recommend that so much as relates to the Order in Canada be referred to the special committee appointed on that subject.

They also recommend that so much as is contained in a communication from John F. Morse, D. G. M. of California, relative to being released from the payment of arrearages due from lodges in Sacramento, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

They also report that the other portion of the correspondence has either been attended to, or the subject matters have been referred to appropriate committees.

The committee therefore propose the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the correspondence in reference to the condition of the Order in British America be referred to the special committee already appointed, and that the communication of D. G. M. John F. Morse be referred to the Committee on Finance.

H. F. ASKEW,
RICHARD MARLEY,
CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN.

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS a resolution of this R. W. G. Lodge, passed yesterday, directed that a diploma be given to each member of this body not before having received one, and it being desirable that such diploma should be signed by those now in attendance at this session, and it being understood that those diplomas are not now in the possession of the R. W. G. Sire, but at Baltimore·

*Therefore resolved*, That the R. W. G. Secretary be and is hereby instructed to send immediately for them, and furnish the same to members entitled thereto before the close of this session.

On motion of Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, made yesterday, (see page 2113,) touching the records of German Lodges, now required to be kept in the English language; which being under consideration—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report by striking out the words "Grand Lodges" wherever they occur, and inserting "Grand Bodies," and adding after "Lodges," in the second and fifth lines, the words "and Encampments;" which amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the constitution and by-laws of Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, of Salem, Oregon Territory, and recommend the approval of the same.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the constitution and by-laws of Anson Jones Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 4, of the State of Texas, and recommend the approval of the same.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the constitution and by-laws of Bugle Lodge, No. 3, of the Territory of New Mexico, and make the following suggestions and recommendations:

Article 2d section 1st of the constitution has the following clause: "Persons over forty-five years of age may be admitted by a special dispensation from the M. W. Grand Sire or the D. D. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States." This we recommend to be stricken out. The ultimate age requisite for disqualifying a candidate for admission of membership to Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge should be left to their exclusive decision. This Grand Lodge has not fixed the limit as to age, and no dispensation from its officers is required.

Article 4th section 9th of the constitution reads thus: "A member under charges, and during the investigation thereof by the lodge, is under a state of suspension, and cannot participate in the work of the lodge." This we recommend to be stricken out, as subversive of that well-known principle that a man is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty. The only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a visiting or travelling card, and where the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision.

Article 6th section 10 of the constitution reads thus: "To be eligible to the office of Past Grand, the candidate must be a Past Grand and have served a regular term as Secretary." This we recommend to be stricken out. There is no such office. The *rank* of Past Grand is attained after service for a regular term in the office of Noble Grand.

Article 10th section 1st of the constitution reads thus: "When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these articles they shall be referred to the D. D. G. Sire, subject to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States." This we recommend to be stricken out. Where a Grand or Subordinate Lodge has the power to make its own constitution or by-laws, all questions as to the true meaning of the same should be decided by the body making them, subject to the right of appeal to the superior body by any member who may feel himself aggrieved by the decision. Ordinarily, when a question arises, it is decided in the first instance by the presiding officer, subject to appeal to the body over which he presides. In some cases questions of construction are referred to a committee, on whose report a decision is made. But in no case should a decision be made in the first instance by an appellate officer or body, unless upon the special submission and request of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge.

Article 7th section 10th of the by-laws reads thus: "Any member known to have deposited a black ball who shall neglect to make known to the Noble Grand his reasons for depositing the same, shall, for the first offence, be suspended during the pleasure of the lodge, and for the second he shall be expelled." This we recommend to be stricken out. No member of the Order should be required to give his reason for any vote he may cast, under penalty of punishment. His vote in the affirmative or negative is to be governed entirely by his own sense of propriety.

Article 12th of the by-laws has the following clause: "These by-laws shall be construed in their most obvious and simple meaning. *Should doubts arise as to the true intent and meaning of them, the matter shall be referred to a committee of three intelligent brothers of the fifth degree, whose report shall be made in writing, it shall be spread upon the minutes, and their decision shall be final.*" The portion of the above which is in *italics* we recommend to be stricken out. Such decisions should be made by the Noble Grand, subject to the right of appeal to the lodge.

With the foregoing exceptions we recommend the approval of said constitution and by-laws.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution and by-laws of Ridgely Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 1, of Santa Fe, have examined the same, and make the following suggestion:

Article 7th section 1st of the constitution reads thus: "The terms of this Encampment shall be six months, beginning with the first meetings in January and July, and ending with the last meetings in June and December. This we consider erroneous, as it will leave an *interregnum* of two weeks. Every term should continue until a new one commences. We recommend that the section be amended so as to read: "Every term of this Encampment shall be six months, commencing with the first meeting in January and July, and ending on the commencement of the next succeeding term."

We recommend the approval of the remainder of said constitution and by-laws.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and recommend the approval of the same.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

On motion of Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever in New Orleans.

*Resolved*, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire be requested to cause the above sum to be immediately remitted to the General Relief Committee of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of New Orleans.

The hour having arrived, 3½ o'clock, fixed for adjournment, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled in secret session, pursuant to the order adopted on Tuesday. Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Wiley, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

After some hours passed in secret session the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution of Rep. Day, of Tennessee, would respectfully report, that the first branch of the resolution imperatively instructs this committee to prepare and report an appropriate opening and closing ceremony for the Degree of Rebekah. As this involves new legislation, it follows that it can only appropriately be referred to the Legislative Committee, or to a select committee, specially appointed.

The second branch of the resolution asks this committee to consider the propriety of admitting daughters of Odd-Fellows to the privileges of the said degree. As this also involves new legislation, and the peculiar duties of this committee, since the Grand Lodge has authorized the appointment of a Legislative Committee, are to report on the intention, effect, &c. of existing laws, usages, or decisions, we recommend the reference of the whole resolution to the Legislative Committee.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JNO. A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, that a dispensation be granted to the Grand Master of Kentucky to confer the Grand Lodge degrees in Covington and Maysville on such Past Grands as are entitled to them, respectfully report that they deem it inexpedient to make any exception to the existing law of the Grand Lodge, page 1091, requiring the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge degrees to be given only during the sessions of the said Grand Bodies, and in the room in which they meet or a room contiguous thereto.

The past official degrees are rewards for services in offices of Subordinate Encampments and Lodges, and may be conferred at any proper time and place on those who have earned them, and produce proper certificates from lodges in which they have been earned. But the

Grand Lodge degree, in the language of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order adopted in 1847, page 1091, "draws after it actual membership," and should therefore only be given when a Past Grand becomes a member of the Grand Lodge. Past Grands who desire the Grand Lodge degree can receive the same on application to and attendance on their Grand Lodge, and sustain no disadvantage by being debarred of it until the time they make proper application for it to their Grand Lodge in session.

The committee recommend, therefore, that the application of Bro. Wolford should not be granted.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JNO. A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Billinghurst, in relation to the admission of ladies who have received the Degree of Rebekah to witness the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report that the subject requiring the enactment of a new law, the committee ask to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommend that it be referred to the Legislative Committee.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JNO. A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, in relation to allowing the charge of the R. P. Degree, succeeding the obn., to be conferred on more than one patriarch at the same time, have considered the same, and report: That to accomplish the purpose contemplated by the resolution would require a change in the installing obn. of the Chief Patriarch, which can only be effected by a four-fifth vote in secret session; and, if adopted, would involve the necessity of an alteration in the installation books now in possession of Subordinate Encampments, which, if not entirely impracticable, would be a work of great difficulty to accomplish. The committee, therefore, report that the resolution ought not to be adopted.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire do appoint a Grand Messenger pro tempore until the regular Grand Messenger shall be able to resume the duties of his office.

Rep. Kempton, of Georgia, from the majority of the special committee on the subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution on page 2112, Journal of Proceedings, authorizing the Grand Secretary to have prepared a copy of the book of diagrams for each State Grand Lodge and Encampment, having examined the subject, are of the opinion that a mere book of diagrams, without any explanation, will be of great benefit to the Order at large, and be the means of causing the signs to be given more correctly, and of very great assistance to the Grand Representatives and the proper officers of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in communicating the signs to their jurisdictions. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, in lieu of that on page 2116:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a separate book of diagrams (without any instructions) of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate degrees for the use of each State Grand Lodge, and a book of diagrams (without any instructions) of the Grand Encampment and Encampment degrees for the use of each Grand Encampment; said books to be furnished at cost, upon application from each Grand Lodge or Encampment, in writing, signed by the proper officers and proper seal of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment applying.

EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
D. P. BARNARD.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the minority of the same committee, presented the following paper, which was laid on the table:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, a minority of the special committee to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Kempton, providing for furnishing each State Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment with a copy of the book of diagrams, being unable to agree with the majority of the committee in the conclusions arrived at, respectfully submits a minority report.

The multiplication and distribution of copies of the book of diagrams would, in the opinion of the undersigned, subject the Order to the great hazard, if not to the certainty, of an immediate exposure to the world of this portion of the unwritten work. The undersigned is also of opinion that uniformity of instruction would not be secured by the course proposed; but that the plan now in use, of disseminating a knowledge of the work through the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, is at once the most convenient, uniform, and safe manner of performing that service. Believing that no valuable purpose would be subserved by the adoption of the resolution proposed, but that danger and evil would be the inevitable fruits of such legislation, the undersigned is constrained to recommend that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, in his final report, growing out of enactments of this Grand Lodge relating to suspended members, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, with all due deference to the views of the Past Grand Sire, it is inexpedient to legislate further on the subject.

JOHN CRICKARD,
WALTER L. STEELE,
W. D. McCORD.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Sire which relates to the propriety of the establishment of lodges in the Army of the United States, have considered the same, and beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, it is inexpedient to allow any lodge to be established in the Army of the United States unless such lodge shall have a permanent location. It would not be proper to have lodges which would hold their meetings one year or one month at a military post or camp on the frontiers of Texas, or elsewhere, and the next year or next month at a different place, changing as the requirements of the War Department might demand of the army for the protection of the country. The reasons set forth in the report of the Grand Sire are, in the judgment of the committee, sufficient to prove the inexpediency of allowing such movable lodges as are suggested in the letter of the military officer to which he alludes.

WALTER L. STEELE,
JOHN CRICKARD,
W. D. McCORD.

Rep. Steele, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the suggestions of the Most Worthy Grand Sire in regard to the relations which should exist between lunatics and the lodges with which they are connected, have taken the subject into their consideration, and beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, the claims of this unfortunate class of our fellowmen upon the sympathies and benevolence of the Order cannot be overlooked or disregarded without a palpable violation of the cardinal principles of the brotherhood. The idea that he who has been visited by Divine Providence with corporal suffering should have our charities bestowed upon him, whilst he who suffers the far more severe and

terrible affliction of "a mind diseased" and overthrown should have no brotherly aid extended, is, to the minds of your committee, not only unsustained by reason, but utterly opposed to the spirit of Odd-Fellowship. The claims of the lunatic are far stronger, for his disease is worse. It is, therefore, in the opinion of the undersigned, the bounden duty of lodges to extend the same benefits to this class of men as are given to those who suffer from bodily infirmity.

Your committee cannot argue the questions involved in the subject of lunatics, to which the members of our Order, as individuals, are subject, for the maintenance of lunatic asylums, because any other duty than that indicated above is revolting to our sense of fraternal obligation.

JOHN CRICKARD,
WALTER L. STEELE,
W. D. McCORD.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of D. G. M John F. Morse, on the subject of the remission of certain sums of money due by lodges in California to this Grand Lodge, respectfully report that the Committe on Petitions have already considered and in part acted upon the subject. The Committee on Finance therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that the communication above mentioned be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Elijah Hughes against the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, in sustaining the decision of Oriental Lodge, No. 52, in suspending said Past Grand for five years, have examined the case and respectfully ask leave to report: That the Brother was regularly tried upon charges preferred against him in Oriental Lodge, and sentenced to a suspension for a limited period. The case was carried up by appeal to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and was by that body referred to the Executive Committee, who presented two reports—a majority and minority report—the majority confirming the decision of Oriental Lodge, and the minority reversing said decision. The minority report was first adopted as a substitute for the majority report, which motion of adoption was subsequently reconsidered, and the majority report was finally adopted as the sense of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Your committee can find no informality or want of fairness in the whole proceedings, although the punishment may have been greater than the magnitude of the offence; yet still the committee hold that the decisions of State Grand Bodies, in cases of local concern, should not be disturbed by this Grand Lodge, unless some great infraction of constitutional or general law of the Order has been committed. The committee believe that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the above case should be considered a finality, and respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
R. FINLEY HUNT,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire as refers to the state of the Order in British North America, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report as follows:

So far as can be gathered from our records, the history of our Order in British North America may be stated in these words: Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, located at Montreal, was chartered in May, 1843; Queen's Lodge, No. 2, located at Montreal, was chartered in October, 1843; Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3, located at St. Johns, in Canada East, was chartered in February, 1844; The Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada, located at Montreal, was chartered in September, 1844; Hochelaga Encampment, No. 1, located at Montreal, was chartered in March, 1844; Stadacona Encampment, No. 2, located at Quebec, was chartered in September, 1845; Mount Royal Encampment, No. 3, located at Montreal, was chartered in March, 1846; St. Louis Encampment, No. 4, located at Quebec, was chartered in June, 1846; and the Grand Encampment of Canada, located at Montreal, was chartered in June, 1846. At the annual session of 1846, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada applied to be created an independent tribunal, which request was granted, and the Grand Lodge of British North America was created, with independent powers, except in reference to the work of the Order and the qualifications of membership in Subordinate Lodges, and the selection of the A. T. P. W. From that time all control by this Grand Lodge over the Order in British North America has ceased.

The short period of seven years has proved that the opinion entertained in 1846 by this Grand Lodge, "that it would conduce to the prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in foreign countries to relieve Grand Lodges therein located of that dependence which Grand Lodges within the territorial limits of these United States must of necessity ever feel," was erroneous, at least so far as British North America is concerned.

From documents before us it appears that all the lodges in Montreal have made a division of their funds and are dissolved. The Grand Lodge of British North America, located at Montreal, and depending for its efficient working upon the exertions of members of lodges in that city, has virtually ceased to exist. All the subordinate Grand Lodges, with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have ceased to work. At present there are in Canada seven lodges who are desirous of working, but who are now without a head. Of Encampments in Canada, there are none. In Halifax, Nova Scotia, there is a Lodge and an Encampment represented to be in a healthy condition. Where lodges are dissolved, their charge books are scattered about in the hands of past officers and members, and liable to improper exposure. The lodges which are now working are desirous of becoming subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec approves of the action taken for that purpose, and earnestly recommends the same to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge. The documents referred to this committee have been examined, and consist as follows:

1st. Minutes of proceedings held in Brockville, Canada West, of delegates of the Order appointed to meet with the concurrence of the Grand Sire of British North America, consisting of delegates from Albion Lodge, No. 4, Quebec; Industry Lodge, No. 25, Haldiman; and Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville; whereby it appears that it was "*Resolved*, that the members of this delegation have reason to regret the necessity of their being called together on account of the demise of the Grand Lodge of British North America, by reason of which, according to their constitutions, all subordinate lodges also practically cease to exist. And they do hereby desire to say, that it is the determination of the lodges which they represent to struggle for an existence while they have one beacon of hope to which they can look, and that they will not dissolve under any circumstances until every means shall have failed; to which they individually and on behalf of their respective lodges pledge themselves."

The convention was presided over by Grand District Deputy Thomas Reynolds, whose efforts to keep vitality in the Order in Canada until the present session are worthy of the highest commendation.

2d. A letter signed by E. G. Fuller, Grand Provincial Deputy, C. H. Hamilton, P. G., and Peter Roof, N. G. of Acadia Lodge, Halifax, a committee appointed to apply to this Grand Lodge to extend its jurisdiction over what is termed the Lower Provinces, viz: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland. That lodge was chartered in 1851, and has enjoyed a high degree of prosperity. It is now composed of one hundred members, comprising the first citizens of Halifax. About a year ago Mamberton Encampment was instituted at Halifax. Those are the only branches of the Order now existing in the Lower Provinces.

3d. A letter dated Montreal, May 10, 1853, from William Ewan, Grand Secretary of British North America, to E. G. Fuller, R. W. G. Provincial Deputy, acknowledging the receipt of the quarterly returns

and per centage of Acadia Lodge for the quarter ending in March, from which we make the following extract: "It is my rather unpleasant duty to inform you that the lodges in Montreal have come to a resolution to *cease working*, which will probably lead ultimately to the dissolution of the Grand Lodge. Under these circumstances I have to return you enclosed the *quarterly returns and dues*, and also to subjoin a list of lodges hitherto working under the Grand Lodge, that you may be able, should you think it expedient, to communicate with any or all of them as to their future intentions. Here we would suppose it most likely that you would attach yourselves to the Grand Lodge of the United States."

4th. A document under seal of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, whereby it appears that Albion and Mercantile Lodges of Quebec enclosed copies of resolutions passed by them in reference to the convention held at Brockville on the 8th June, whereupon it was unanimously "*Resolved*, That the Provincial Grand Lodge, believing the facts therein stated to be true, approves of the action taken by the delegates on that occasion, and earnestly recommends the same to the favorable consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States."

5th. A communication to the M. W. G. Sire, from the Grand Povincial Deputy, E. G. Fuller, dated Halifax, N. S., July 18th, 1853, from which we make the following extract: "We have long felt the need of a head. Delays, indifference, and a want of energy and action in our Grand Lodge, have nearly driven us all to desperation. We shall care little for the dissolution of our own Grand Lodge provided our wishes can be accomplished; in fact, I believe such an event the only thing that will revive the Order in British North America. They never should have been separated. We have a new hall just completed, which we are waiting to dedicate in the name of and by the authority of SOMEBODY."

6th. A communication from Victoria Lodge, No. 27, dated Caledonia, C. W., July 19th, 1853, addressed to G. P. D. Thomas Reynolds, in reference to the proceedings at Brockville, stating that said lodge will go with the majority of the lodges; that said lodge is in a most healthy condition, and is weekly adding new members; and that the idea of dissolving has not been entertained by any brother of said lodge.

7th. A letter from William Ewan, Grand Secretary, to G. P. D. Thomas Reynolds, dated Montreal, April 28th, 1853, returning the quarterly returns and dues of Brock Lodge, from which we make the following extract: "In reply to your inquiry about the intention of the Grand Lodge in sending any more passwords, it will likely be some time before the Grand Lodge decides upon what had best be done in the state of the Order here at present. The lodges which have been hitherto working here have at the end of last March come to the conclusion to wind up their affairs and *cease working*, which will likely lead to a dissolution of the Grand Lodge, unless some arrangement be made for a union with some of the other Orders in the Province, which some of the lodges seem favorable to. Of this you can be advised by addressing William Hilton, Grand Sire."

8th. A letter from William Hilton, Grand Sire, to G. P. D. Reynolds, dated Montreal, May 24th, 1853, from which we make the following extract, in answer to an invitation to preside over the convention to be held at Brockville: "You are probably aware that the Order in this city is completely broken up, the lodges having given up their place of meeting, divided their funds, property, &c. In this state of things it is certainly necessary to create a supreme jurisdiction somewhere else, and I do not know that a better means could be devised than your lodge has taken to reduce every thing again to proper working order. With regard to myself visiting your city on the 8th of June, I am afraid my business will altogether prevent me from doing so, though I deeply feel the honor of being called to preside over your proposed deliberations. I can, however, with cheerfulness and confidence, allow the whole matter to remain in your hands, trusting that in your future exertions to carry out the principles of the Order you may be attended with success."

9th. A communication from Industry Lodge, No. 25, Haldimand, dated August 18, 1853, to G. P. D. Reynolds, with the quarterly returns of said lodge, and stating as follows: "Any thing that can be done by Industry Lodge to further the cause of Odd-Fellowship in this our beloved Canada will be done cheerfully, though some of the members are growing lukewarm in consequence of the course taken by the late Grand Lodge of British North America. We hope that we may succeed in our present undertaking of establishing a new Grand Jurisdiction in this colony, knowing, as we do, that it is our only expedient, and that it would have a most salutary effect on the efficiency of the Order."

10th. A copy of a communication to Industry Lodge, from the Grand Secretary, dated Montreal, May 12, 1853, from which we make the following extract: "I have to inform you that the lodges in Montreal have come to the conclusion that they will cease working, and that this will likely ultimately lead to the dissolution of the Grand Lodge. Under these circumstances, I return enclosed the July returns and dues, $4, and have to request that any further communications may be addressed to the Grand Sire."

11th. A copy of a communication to the same lodge from William Hilton, Grand Sire, dated Montreal, May 28, 1853, from which we make the following extract: "I do not know what I can say in reply, beyond stating that the lodges have ceased working in this city, and the Order entirely broken up. With regard to the standing of the Grand Lodge, they, owing to circumstances which it is useless here to name, are considerably in debt. This, however, will be settled at the expense of the city lodges. Under these circumstances, I think it advisable that you, if desirous to continue to work, should place yourselves under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

12th. A communication from Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharine's, Canada West, to G. P. D. Reynolds, dated July 5, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of the convention held at Brockville, June 8, and forwarding the following resolution, adopted by said lodge:

"*Resolved*, That the communication from G. P. D. Reynolds, just read, be received and placed on the minutes of this lodge, and that the Secretary be requested to signify to G. P. D. Reynolds, chairman of said meeting of delegates, our entire concurrence in the steps taken by them to preserve the working of the Order in Canada."

13th. A statement dated August 22, 1853, of the present condition of Union Lodge, No. 16, showing the number of members to be 143, and the assets of the lodge to amount to £792 14s. 4d.

14th. A quarterly report of Brock Lodge, No. 9, dated July 1, 1853, showing forty-nine members and £350.

We have thus, though at great length, given in the language of our British North American brethren a statement of their condition. It makes an apparent case of nonuser, or abandonment of the powers and authority conferred by this Grand Lodge upon the Grand Lodge of British North America, if not of its actual dissolution. But as yet full opportunity has not been given to the proper authorities of that Grand Lodge to show cause why its charter should not be reclaimed and its authority revoked. We are of the opinion that the M. W. Grand Sire, in person or by special deputy, should be authorized to proceed to the city of Montreal and seek an interview with the officers and members of the Order there, and in a fraternal manner request them to resume the active exercise of the functions of a Grand Lodge, according to their charter, or formally surrender their powers and authority to this Grand Lodge. That in case of their neglect or refusal to do either, the Grand Sire, or his Deputy, may by proclamation reclaim the charter granted to that Grand Lodge, and formally annul and revoke all its powers and authority, and direct all Subordinate Lodges working under charter from that Grand Lodge to surrender the same, and receive warrants from this Grand Lodge without charge; and that the full power and authority of this Grand Lodge be extended over British North America in the same manner as if no Grand Charter had ever been issued to the Grand Lodge thereof; and that the District or Territory in British North America, necessary for the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge hereafter to be chartered, shall be composed of any Province which is under the government of a separate Governor and Provincial Assembly; and that in case the M. W. Grand Sire shall not be able to attend to the foregoing duties in person, he may commission some suitable person, giving him the whole of the foregoing powers, or such portion thereof, reserving the remainder to himself, as to him shall seem proper.

D. P. BARNARD,
T. G. SENTER,
J. R. MULLIN.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Legislative Committee to inquire and report upon the expediency of providing by law that all proposed amendments to the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge shall be written out as fully as it is intended they should read if adopted.

Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was not adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report to this Grand Lodge at its next session a suitable point for the permanent location of a place of meeting for this Grand Lodge, and that they shall also report any propositions that may be made from any quarter touching the subject of these duties.

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to give their construction of the law touching regalia, whether it is necessary that a brother of the rank of Past Grand, officiating temporarily as Warden, is obliged to assume the regalia of said office, and if not thus assumed, is a member justified in withholding from him the password?

The hour having arrived fixed for the consideration of the report of the special committee on "dues and benefits," it was on motion made the special order for 12½ o'clock to-morrow.

On motion the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled in secret session, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

The Grand Secretary presented a paper from P. G. M. Fritz, of Pennsylvania, in the nature of an appeal, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The hour of 12½ o'clock having arrived, fixed for the consideration of the report of the special committee on "dues and benefits," on motion, it was further postponed until 1½ o'clock.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry propounded by Rep. Potts, of Illinois, as to the right of a Lodge to elect a scarlet member as Noble Grand in case all qualified members should decline, would reply that by the 36th by-law this Grand Lodge is precluded from answering or considering such questions unless presented by a Grand Body, on appeal, or as a matter of inquiry. The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JNO. A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following inquiries of the Grand Lodge of Indiana:

1st. What is the effect of the annulment of a final card? Is it equivalent to expulsion from the Order, or does it bring the holder back into the Lodge granting the same to be tried on the charges or reasons which induced its annulment, as other brothers are tried on similar charges?

2d. Do State Grand Lodges possess the exclusive power to adopt laws regulating the manner in which such cards shall be annulled, and if not, what is the proper manner of proceeding in such cases?

Would respectfully report that the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1848 (see page 1246, vol. 2d) decided that cards may be declared void by the Lodge granting them for good cause existing at the time of the grant. And in 1852 (see page 1841) the Grand Sire reported, as one of his decisions, which was confirmed by the Grand Lodge, that if a withdrawal card shall have been indiscreetly granted to an unworthy brother, the Lodge may annul it, taking care to allow to the brother implicated a fair and impartial trial, as in the case of suspended members against whom charges are preferred.

Webster defines the word "annul" to mean to make void, to nullify, to abrogate, to reduce to nothing, to obliterate. It follows, therefore, that the annulment of a withdrawal card renders it as if it had never been granted. The effect therefore of the annulment (which can only be done during the twelve months in which such a card has vitality) would be to revoke it, and, instead of expelling the brother from the Order, it brings him back into the Lodge, where, after due notice of the charges against him which have induced the Lodge to abrogate his card, and a fair and impartial trial thereof, he may be expelled or acquitted.

In reply to the second question, we would state that Grand Lodges do not have an *exclusive* right to legislate on the subjects referred to; but they do possess the right to enact laws relative thereto, provided they do not conflict with the legislation and decisions of this body.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred twelve queries from the jurisdiction of Louisiana, presented by Rep. Race, respectfully report:

1. Is a brother who has only received the Patriarchal, or the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, entitled to the semi-annual password?

Such a brother, being entitled to admission whenever the Encampment is open in the degree he has attained, is certainly entitled to the semi-annual password, to enable him to work his way in.

2, 3. Can a Noble Grand refuse to confer the T. P. W. upon a brother who presents his travelling card, with a letter of request to that effect from his Lodge, both under seal and in due form of law? If yea, when and under what circumstances?

He cannot. (See pages 1029, 1058, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States.) This mode of procedure being authorized by the Grand Lodge, the proper officers of Subordinates should comply with requests thus attested, this body having decided in 1847 that "without some such system the password could not be communicated, the card would be useless, and the travelling brother would be debarred from visiting." The committee might imagine *extreme* cases, in which a brother should have committed felony after the date of the letter of request, and before its presentation, in which a Noble Grand would feel himself justified in declining to comply with it; but the committee, following the example of the Grand Lodge of the United States, content themselves with laying down the general rule.

4, 5, 6. In what manner, if any, can a Lodge get rid of a person who has been irregularly elected, whether through fraud or error? Can it be done before initiation, and how? and can it be done after initiation, and how?

If a person has been irregularly elected through fraud or error, (and by the word irregularly we understand illegally or fraudulently,) a majority of the Lodge can, previous to the applicant's initiation, order a new ballot. After initiation, if the applicant is innocent of any misrepresentation, and the illegality has been confined to the Lodge, the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the true principle that the Lodge should not take advantage of its own wrong, has twice decided (see pages 1280 and 1797) that he shall be protected in his membership the same as if legally initiated. If he has been guilty of fraud, his initiation cannot be declared void, as this might be construed as releasing him from his obligation, which perhaps would also be considered void, if the whole initiation was; but, in such a case, this Grand Lodge has decided (see page 1511) that he can be expelled therefor, after proper trial.

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. When is a brother elected by card to be considered a member of the Lodge electing him? Is any ceremony of introduction necessary? Must he be formally introduced into the Lodge and sign its constitution? What personal examination, if any, is necessary, and by whom and when to be made of the applicant, to ascertain if he be in possession of the proper T. P. W. and of the degrees he professes to have attained? Is it competent for the Lodge to investigate the condition of the applicant's health in the ante-room after a favorable ballot upon his petition? From what period in the ceremony of election, introduction, &c. would his dues to the Lodge begin to run?

The time at which a person who is elected to membership, either by card or on an original application for initiation, is to be considered a member of the Lodge electing him, is a matter that can very properly be left to local legislation, this Grand Lodge not having decided whether

it should date from the night of his election, or the night that he signs the constitution and by-laws. So also as to the ceremony of introduction.

The Noble Grand of the Lodge should of course examine an applicant for membership by card as to his being in possession of the T. P. W. (although it is not essential that he should be in possession of it) and of the degrees he claims to have received, if the committee to whom his application was referred had not performed that duty, or a committee of the Lodge had not previously examined him thereon when visiting the Lodge.

The committee would hold it to be improper for a Lodge to make a personal investigation into the condition of an applicant's health in the ante-room, when, after a legal election, he had, in pursuance of notice from the Lodge, presented himself at their ante-room for *initiation*. If it would be proper then, by a parity of reasoning it would also be proper to debate in the ante-room, at the same time, the question of his character. The committee therefore reply to the question proposed to them, that, as the Lodge has power to order a new ballot previous to presenting himself for initiation, on a charge that it has been deceived as to the state of his health, the applicant cannot be examined on that subject in the ante-room, when presenting himself for initiation, in pursuance of notice from the Lodge, except in the manner which our charge book requires.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Maryland:

"What is the greatest length of time to which a Lodge can extend a suspension for cause?"

Would respectfully report that this is a question to be decided by the legislation of Subordinate Lodges: the Grand Lodge of the United States not having made any enactment whatever on the point submitted to us, except one found on page 809, that "*indefinite* suspension of a member for non-payment of dues may be terminated by a Grand Lodge without the consent of its subordinates."

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution from

the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin relative to the enactment of a law to admit the wives of brothers who have taken the degree of Rebekah at the installation of the officers of Subordinate Lodges, report that, in their opinion, legislation would be not only inexpedient, but unadvised and inappropriate.

JOHN CRICKARD,
W. D. McCORD,
WALTER L. STEELE.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred certain resolutions from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina touching the abolition of Grand Encampments and merging the Camp Degrees into the work of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report, that similar propositions have been so repeatedly acted upon and rejected by this body that, in the opinion of your committee, it is inexpedient and impolitic to make any change in the existing laws upon this subject.

JOHN CRICKARD,
W. D. McCORD.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, a minority of the Legislative Committee, begs leave to present the following report upon the subject of merging the Encampments and Subordinate Lodges:

He feels himself bound to sustain in this body the opinions of those whom he has the honor to represent, even when they come in conflict with his own. In the present case, however, he agrees entirely with both the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of his State. He regrets that circumstances prevent him from making as full a report as the importance of the subject requires, and must content himself, therefore, with a very brief expression of his opinions.

He cannot agree with the majority that a frequent decision to the contrary constitutes any *conclusive* reason why the wishes of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina should not be well founded. The simple question is, would the mergement of the two branches of the Order tend to the advancement of our institution? The undersigned has no hesitation in replying in the affirmative. He believes that the present organization, in its practical results, destroys that equality which it is the chief design of the Order to produce. In many parts of the country our members cannot keep up an Encampment because they have not pecuniary ability to do so. These are, therefore, deprived of those advantages which are possessed by brothers living in cities or large towns. In North Carolina there are ten lodges in the western part of the State, which are from fifty to two hundred miles from any

Encampment, and, owing to the expense of keeping up this branch of the Order, can never enjoy its advantages. This works inequality.

He believes that mergement would tend to infuse life into the Order The combination would present many more objects of attraction than either possesses. The present arrangement is more expensive than a combination would be. The same information could be given for a less sum, whilst the nett revenue to the Order would be greater, owing to the more economical expense of maintaining one than two households.

The change proposed can be easily effected if the Grand Lodge shall determine it to be wise. If it shall do this, then the means of accomplishing the object can be sought after and obtained.

Entertaining these views, the undersigned proposes the annexed resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report to the next session of the Grand Lodge a form by which the present Encampment degrees shall be made additional degrees of the Subordinate Lodge, and a full mergement of the two branches take place.

WALTER L. STEELE.

Rep. Crickard, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Southern New York relative to restoring the three months' term of office to Subordinate Lodges, report that the subject has repeatedly been before your R. W. Body, and in every instance reported against with able and conclusive arguments; so much so that your committee deem it wholly unnecessary to add another word on the subject, except to reiterate, as they now do, all the previous arguments used against it.

They submit the subjoined resolution, and recommend its adoption

*Resolved*, That the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Southern New York asking a restoration to the three months' term of office to Subordinate Lodges be indefinitely postponed.

JOHN CRICKARD.
W. D. McCORD,
WALTER L. STEELE.

Rep. Crickard, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina relative to the extension of the term of office of Grand Representative from *two* to *four* years, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that in their opinion legislation on the subject is entirely inexpedient.

JOHN CRICKARD,
W. D. McCORD.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the minority of the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, a minority, regretting that he is constrained to differ from his able colleagues on the Legislative Committee, begs leave to present the following report upon the subject of lengthening the terms of Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

The object of sending Representatives to any legislative body is to have the will of the constituent intelligently and fairly expressed; and the experience of every member must teach him that this can only be done when the Representative is experienced as well as intelligent. According to the present system it rarely happens otherwise that when a member is fully competent to discharge his duties his term expires, and a successor is chosen, who is to go through the same pupilage to fit him for usefulness. But few Grand Bodies re-elect, and every one knows that the Representatives of these have more influence, and justly so, than they who come for the first time to the Grand Lodge.

If the change is made, the Representatives will be generally men of experience, and therefore fully capable of discharging their duties. It can work no harm, but must be of great service to the Order. The undersigned, for these and other reasons which he cannot state in this report, asks leave to present the annexed resolution, in which he asks your concurrence:

*Resolved*, That the term of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be four years.

WALTER L. STEELE.

Rep. Crickard, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Texas, as seen on page 1947, Journal of 1852, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that the object contemplated by these resolutions is one of vast importance, and calculated to secure to the travelling brother that care and protection to which he is entitled from his lodge, and to relieve the lodges from a burthen which, although never shrunk from, is often found exceedingly inconvenient.

This inconvenience is more especially felt among the lodges of the South, where strangers are more liable to be overtaken by sickness, and consequently want, than in other sections of the country. Again, the weekly benefits in some parts of the country are insufficient to defray the expenses that are often absolutely necessary to be incurred for a strange brother, and, when such is the case, your committee are of the opinion that the Lodge of which the brother is a member should

pay the whole amount; but, as this Grand Lodge has no power to legislate on the subject, it must be left entirely to the generosity of the Lodge whose member has been so relieved.

Your committee beg further to state that they fully concur in the object of said resolutions; but, as they are, in the opinion of your committee, not in a proper form to be adopted by this Grand Lodge, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following, in lieu thereof, together with the subjoined form of an endorsement upon the card, for the sake of uniformity:

*Resolved*, That upon the issuing of a visiting card by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, the Secretary or Scribe thereof shall endorse upon it the amount of weekly and funeral benefits allowed by the constitution and by-laws of said Lodge or Encampment, and that it shall be bound for any relief extended to a brother holding such a card to the extent of the benefits so rendered.

*Resolved*, That where a Subordinate Lodge, Encampment, or General Relief Committee is applied to for relief, by a brother holding a card, such Lodge, Encampment, or General Relief Committee shall require the certificate of a respectable physician, showing the time that the brother has been sick, and shall take a draft upon his Lodge or Encampment for whatever amount he may have received, which, with the certificate, shall be forwarded for payment: *Provided*, That in the event of the death of a brother, and his being buried by a Lodge, Encampment, or General Relief Committee, it shall only be necessary to forward the physician's certificate, or that of some other respectable citizen, together with his card and a proper voucher for the amount so advanced. Payment of the same shall in all cases be promptly made.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to transmit to the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, as early as practicable after the adjournment of the present session, a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Form of certificate referred to in the foregoing report, viz:

This certifies that the constitution and by-laws of the within named Lodge or Encampment allows for weekly benefits the sum of.....dollars per week, and for funeral benefits the sum of.....dollars; and that brother.....is entitled to the said benefits from the date of the within card until the expiration of the same.

JOHN CRICKARD,
W. D. McCORD,
WALTER L. STEELE.

Rep. Barnard, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, and recommend the approval of the same.

D. P. BARNARD,
J. L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions respectfully ask leave to report as follows:

Your committee have before them a letter from Bro. John F. Morse, D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of California, addressed to the Most Worthy Grand Sire, earnestly appealing to this Grand Lodge, in favor of certain lodges in Sacramento city, that they may be relieved from the payment of arrearages of dues, which accumulated in a season of great trial and adversity, while those lodges were under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The document is not authenticated by the seal of any State or Subordinate Lodge, nor does it mention by name the lodges that thus ask relief, nor is there any other document before your committee from which such information can be obtained. Nevertheless, the Representative from that jurisdiction vouches for the authenticity of the paper and the verity of its statements.

The letter contains details of the early struggles and difficulties of the Order in that region that are valuable as historical facts, and accounts of the enormous drafts made upon the benevolence of the brethren there, and the manner in which they were met and honored, alike creditable to the men and honorable to the institution to which they belong.

Your committee believe, upon a full investigation, that the extraordinary circumstances of the lodges in that city, the labors of love that they have performed, and the munificence with which they have relieved the stranger and the distressed, afford good reasons why they should be relieved from the payment of dues that accumulated while they were thus sacrificing their own interests for the good of the Order, and the relief of brethren from all parts of our wide jurisdiction. But, inasmuch as your committee are not in possession of the specific information necessary to report definite action at this session, they recommend that the documents relating to this case be referred to the Executive, with full power to remit the dues of such lodges in that jurisdiction as they may deem entitled to such exemption from this Grand Lodge.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
NELSON HAYWARD,
ANSON JONES.

The hour having arrived fixed for the consideration of the report of the special committee on "dues and benefits," it was, on motion, further postponed until $2\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock.

Rep. Day, of Tennessee, presented the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a member of a Subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Body, or under the jurisdiction of any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, be expelled for non-payment of dues?

Rep. Day, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be directed to report at our next annual session a suitable and appropriate ode for funeral occasions.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance report that this body has on hand 1250 copies of the Index of the Revised Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. As yet no price for this work has been fixed. It is necessary to do so now, in order that the committee may be enabled to make its final report. The committee respectfully ask the Grand Lodge now to determine the price at which it shall be sold.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report considered.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved to fix the price at which the Index to the Revised Journal should be sold at $1 per copy.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend by striking out $1 and inserting 50 cents; and the question being on the larger sum named, viz. $1 per copy, it was agreed to, and the resolution was adopted.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the last year, the assets of this Grand Body at the present time, and the estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year.

The amount of receipts, from the 22d of September, 1852, to the 7th of September, 1853, inclusive, is as follows:

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| Cash on hand at last report, | | | $17,206 66 |
| Received for Wildey Fund, | | | 5 00 |
| " Honolulu Hall Fund, | | | 374 95 |
| " Books, | | | 4,123 25 |
| " Representative Tax, | | | 4,891 75 |
| " Dues, | | | 1,112 44 |
| " Diplomas, | | | 153 00 |
| " Cards, | | | 4,703 80 |
| " Warrants, | | | 210 00 |
| " Odes, | | | 227 61 |
| " Balances due by Grand Bodies and individuals, | $591 82 | | |
| " Bills receivable and interest from the Grand Lodge of Maine, | 343 35 | | |
| | | | 935 17 |
| " Interest on Stocks, | | | 409 06 |
| " Miscellaneous subjects, | | | 5 78 |
| | | | $34,358 47 |

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| Amount brought forward, - - - | | $34,358 47 |
| Disbursements by Andrew E. Warner, late Grand Treasurer, - - | $23,110 77 | |
| Disbursements by Joshua Vansant, present Grand Treasurer, - - - | 814 00 | |
| | | 23,924 77 |
| Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of | | $10,433 70 |

*Estimated Receipts for the ensuing year.*

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| Representative tax—ninety-seven members at $50, - | $4,850 00 |
| From State Grand Bodies, - - - | 275 00 |
| From sale of books, - - - - - | 2,500 00 |
| " of Revised Journal, 200 copies at $6.00, | 1,200 00 |
| " of Index to same, 350 copies at $1.00 - | 350 00 |
| " of Cards, - - - - | 3,500 00 |
| " of Odes, - - - - - | 200 00 |
| " of Diplomas, - - - - | 125 00 |
| " of Warrants, - - - - | 120 00 |
| " Interest on Stocks, 6 per cent. on $8,274 46, | 496 46 |
| " Individual accounts, - - - - | 1,000 00 |
| | $14,616 46 |

*Estimated expenditures for the ensuing year.*

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| Salaries of officers, - - - - | $2,300 00 |
| Rent of office, gas, and fuel, - - - - | 275 00 |
| Mileage and per diem of members, - - | 10,000 00 |
| Postage and office expenses, - - - | 275 00 |
| Binding Revised Journal, per bill rendered, - | 750 40 |
| Daily Journal of session, - - - - | 380 00 |
| | $13,980 40 |

*Incidental expenses.*

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| Wm. W. Moore, P. G. Sire, postage, &c., - | $25 20 | |
| B. Foster & Co., for printing report of Committee on Dues and Benefits, - - | 67 62 | |
| Expenses of removal, - - - | 250 00 | |
| | | 342 82 |
| Printing—Degree books, &c., per bill rendered, | 126 51 | |
| 20,000 Odes, estimated at 1 cent, | 200 00 | |
| Charge and Degree books in the French language, - - - | 600 00 | 926 51 |
| For 48 daguerreotypes of diagrams, at $2.00 each, | | 96 00 |
| | | $15,345 73 |

*Assets of this Grand Lodge.*

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| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, - - - | | $10,433 70 |
| Honolulu Fund, - - - - | | 374 95 |

*Investments.*

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| Maryland 6 per cent. Stocks, as reported last year, - - - | $3,274 46 | |
| Maryland 6 per cent. Stocks, acquired since the last report at a cost of $5,427 75, | 5,000 00 | |
| | | 8,274 46 |
| Wildey Loan, - - - | 8 000 00 | |
| Less payments by the Order reported last year, - - $1,759 59 | | |
| Payments this year, - - 5 00 | | |
| | 1,764 59 | |
| | | 6,235 41 |
| Due from sundry individuals, as reported in schedule A. last year, which has not been reduced, | 671 35 | |
| An unascertained sum of money in the hands of James Smiley, late D. D. G. Sire of California, estimated by the committee, from the uncertain data laid before it, at - - - | 2,000 00 | |
| | | 2,671 35 |

*Due by Grand Bodies, viz:*

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| By the Grand Encampment of Ohio, for cards, | $40 00 | |
| " " Louisiana, for books, | 25 00 | |
| " " Virginia, do. | 12 00 | |
| " " Maine. Balance of general account for supplies and Representative tax, to be paid in annual instalments of $50, pursuant to a resolution adopted at this session, | 241 15 | |
| By Grand Lodge of Mississippi, for books, - | 1 00 | |
| " Michigan, do. - | 35 00 | |
| " Arkansas, do. - | 50 00 | |
| " Florida, do. - | 50 40 | |
| " Maine, notes unpaid, given pursuant to a resolution of the session of 1852, | 452 62 | |
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*Supplies on hand.*

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| Cards, 46,653, at 10 cents, - - | $4,665 30 | |
| Degree books, 1,030, at $2.00, - - | 2,060 00 | |
| Charge books, 1,175, at $2.00, - | 2,350 00 | |
| Degree of Rebekah books, 492, at $1.00, - | 492 00 | |
| Odes, 2,499, at 3 cents, - - | 74 97 | |
| Institution books, 563, at $1.00, - - | 563 00 | |
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| Amount brought forward, - - | $10,205 27 | |
| Grand Lodge books, 95, at $1.00, - | 95 00 | |
| Grand Encampment books, 74, at $1.00, - | 74 00 | |
| Sub. Encampment books, 970, at $2.00, | 1,940 00 | |
| Diplomas, 301, at $1.00, - - | 301 00 | |
| Opening Degree Lodges, 2,100, at 2 cents, - | 42 00 | |
| Stereotype plates, 2,352 pages, at $1.00, | 2,352 00 | |
| Revised Journal, 656 copies, at $6.00, | 3,936 00 | |
| Index of revised Journal, 1,250 copies, at $1.00, | 1,250 00 | |
| | | 20,195 27 |
| | | $49,092 31 |

Your committee are satisfied with the accuracy and plainness with which the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary have been kept. The accounts of P. G. Treasurer, Andrew E. Warner, have also been carefully examined; we find that they have been correctly kept. His disbursements are supported by proper vouchers, his receipts correspond with the charges on the Secretary's books, and his accounts have been finally and satisfactorily closed, by the payment of the balance in his hands to his successor.

The amount reported last year to be due by individuals to this Grand Lodge was $671.35. Nothing has been received from this source since that report was made. In addition to this a large sum of money has been received by P. D. D. Grand Sire James Smiley, of California. The committee have no means of ascertaining the actual amount which he has received; the estimate made by the committee is wholly conjectural. They recommend that prompt measures be adopted for the settlement and collection of this account, as well as of those first referred to.

Your committee think that the receipts of the ensuing year will be sufficient to meet the probable demands upon the treasury. They submit herewith an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the current year.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby required, after the payment of the appropriations ordered at this session, to invest the surplus in the treasury in such six per cent. securities as he, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Sire and Secretary, shall approve; provided, nevertheless, he shall retain at all times not less than one thousand dollars in his hands, to meet the current expenses of the year.

*Resolved*, That the following amounts be appropriated from the moneys in the treasury, for the following purposes, viz:

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| Salary of Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary | $1,200 00 |
| " Grand Treasurer | 200 00 |
| " Grand Messenger | 700 00 |
| " Grand Secretary's office, gas, and fuel | 275 00 |
| For mileage and per diem of members, or such other sum as shall hereafter be found necessary for the purpose, and reported by the committee on that subject | 10,000 00 |
| For postage and office expenses, or such other sum as shall be paid by the Grand Messenger, under direction of the Grand Lodge | 275 00 |

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| For binding revised Journal | 750 40 |
| For daily Journal of session, $380, or such other sum as shall be found by the Grand Secretary to be correct and proper | 380 00 |
| To P. G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, postage, &c. | 25 20 |
| To C. B. Foster & Co., for printing report of Committee on Dues and Benefits | 67 62 |
| For expenses incident to the removal of furniture, &c. from Baltimore to Philadelphia and back, $250, or such other sum as the Grand Secretary shall find to be correct | 250 00 |
| For printing Degree books, &c. | 126 51 |
| For printing Odes | 200 00 |
| For translating and printing charge and degree books into the French language, not exceeding | 600 00 |

And that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue warrants for the above appropriations and for ordinary incidental expenses.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be and they are hereby instructed to use such coercive measures as in their judgment will most speedily secure the collection of the several amounts due by individuals to this Grand Lodge; and that they be authorized to compromise any or all of said claims in such manner as they may think proper.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That —— dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay for the daguerreotypes used in preparing the book of diagrams, and that the same be paid to the widow of P. G. ——

On motion of Rep. Jones, of Texas, the States were called in the order of their seniority; when—

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will hold a session this evening at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the reports of committees now lying on the table.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved to amend the resolution by striking out that part designating the *purpose* of the meeting at 7 o'clock this evening, which was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended—

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Lodge, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 3½ o'clock.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to credit to the different Grand Bodies (to be paid in supplies) fifty per cent. of the amount of money paid by said Bodies under the assessment tax of 1849.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire into and report on the expediency of reducing the prices of supplies to the following rates, viz:

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| For Charge and Degree Books | $1 00 | each. |
| " Books Degree of Rebekah | 50 | cents each. |
| " Odes | 2 00 | per hundred. |
| " Cards | 5 00 | per hundred. |

Rep. Sligo, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the fulfilment of the resolution adopted by your R. W. Body at its last session, viz:

"That the next session of this Grand Lodge be holden in the city of Philadelphia, and that the delegation from Pennsylvania be a committee to make the necessary arrangements,"

Respectfully report that in the arrangements we have made for your meeting we have been materially assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction, who, on being notified of your resolve to meet in this city, directed their officers to act in conjunction with us. We deem a description of the arrangements made unnecessary at this late period of your session, as your R. W. Body has been made fully acquainted with them.

Trusting that such imperfections as may have been apparent, will be attributed to our being in our novitiate in making arrangements for your session, and assuring you that, if trusted further, we shall be found more perfect, we submit this for your consideration.

GEORGE SLIGO.

Rep. Clarke, of Delaware, laid on the table the following proposed amendments to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Humphrey, of Ohio:

Amend Article 9 of the report of the Committee on the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, by striking out the word "two" in the first part of the third line thereof, and substituting the word "four;" also, by striking out the word "annually" in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the word "biennial."

Amend Article 12, of the same report, by striking out the word "annually" in the first line thereof, and substituting the word "biennially."

Amend Article 19, of the same report, by striking out the word "annual" in the third line thereof, and inserting the word "biennial" in place thereof.

Amend Article 16, of the same report, by striking out the word "annually," in the fourth and fifth lines thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennially."

Amend Article 15 section eighth of the by-laws reported by the same committee, by striking out the word "annual" and the word "one," in the second line thereof, and inserting the word "biennially" and the word "two," respectively, in lieu thereof.

Amend Article 18, of the same report, by striking out the word "annually" in the second line thereof, and inserting the word "biennially" therefor.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Hayward, of Ohio:

Amend Article xviii. of the constitution by inserting the words "and amended," after the words "may be considered," in the fourth and fifth lines.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That leave of absence be granted to Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, for the remainder of the session after to-day.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Askew, of Delaware:

*To the Report of the Committee.*—Article xi, sec. 3, strike out the entire section.

*Amendment to Article xi. Constitution, and to the Report, article xii.*—Amendment to first three lines, to strike out and insert first sentence. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially, on the first Monday in May of every second year.

*To the Report.*—In articles xix and xxi. To strike out the word "annual."

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was not adopted:

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge will not entertain any new business after this day's session.

Rep. Humphrey, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and also of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which were ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

*Resolved,* That the Representatives of this Grand Body to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to propose, advocate, and urge a reform and change in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the entire renovating, even to the adoption of a new constitution. The principles to be—

1st. Clearly, positively, and accurately defining the power, privileges, and rights of that body, restraining it to what is expressed, and restoring all powers not guarantied that body to State jurisdiction.

2d. In defining the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that it shall be constituted only a high court of appeals, having no control over the constitutions, laws, and legislation of State Grand Bodies, except of a revisory character; then only on appeals.

3d Reorganize its legislative departments, that the representation shall be in ratio of constituency, guarantying to each Grand Body one Representative, and additional ones in ratio of membership.

4th. Making sessions biennial.

5th. To provide for a board of elective judicial officers, (in case of biennial sessions,) to meet at stated times to hear and determine upon appeals, grievances, granting of charters, &c. &c.; the proceedings had to be subject to the revision of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its subsequent sitting.

6th. To restrict the accumulation in the treasury of a fund beyond the amount actually required for annual expenses; to prohibit the dealing in or purchase of

stocks, the loaning of money, the purchase of real estate, the holding of property of all kinds whatsoever, save only such as may be required in the offices and for the supply of Subordinate and State bodies.

7th. To prohibit the ever establishment of a national institution of any character whatever by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or having any interest whatever in any such.

8th. The recognition of the true source of all power and authority as being in the membership at large; that the sovereignty rests in them; that the rights and powers of State Grand Bodies and of the Grand Lodge of the United States are only delegated ones.

*Resolved*, That the instructions to the Grand Representatives, adopted by this body at its annual sesion in July, 1852, now, as then, embody the sentiments of the Grand Encampment of Ohio.

*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to urge, by all honorable means, the adoption of the reforms referred to; which are in the words following:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to propose, advocate, and urge the adoption—

"I. Of a reform in the financial affairs of that body—1st. The use of the funds, stocks, and claims of that body to the defraying of its current and legislative expenses, until they shall have been absorbed. 2d. That after the present funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall have been exhausted, a *direct tax* shall be levied upon State Grand Lodges and Encampments, based upon the representation of States in that body, to be levied annually at each session, and based upon the probable actual sum required annually to defray the expenses.

"II. Of a material reduction in the charges for printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, bringing it down to as nearly cost value as practicable.

"III. To advocate a reform and change in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the entire renovating, even to the adoption of a new Constitution. The prominent principles to be—

"1st. Clearly, positively, and accurately defining the powers, privileges, and rights of that body, restraining it to what is expressed, and restoring all powers not guarantied that body to State jurisdictions.

"2d. In defining the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that it shall be constituted only a high court of appeals, having no control over the constitutions, laws, and legislation of State Grand Bodies, except of a revisory character; then *only* on appeals.

"3d. Re-organize its legislative department, that the representation shall be in ratio of constituency, guarantying to each Grand Body one Representative, and additional ones in ratio of membership.

"4th. Making the sessions biennial or triennial.

"5th. To provide for a board of elective judicial officers, (in case of biennial or triennial sessions,) to meet at stated times to hear and determine upon appeals, grievances, granting of charters, &c., &c.; the proceedings had to be subject to the revision of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next subsequent sitting.

"6th. To restrict the accumulation in the Treasury of a fund beyond the amount actually required for annual expenses; to prohibit the dealing in or purchase of stocks, the loaning of money, the purchase of real estate, the holding of property of all kinds whatsoever, save only such as may be required in the offices and for the supply of Subordinate and State Bodies.

"7th. To prohibit the ever establishing of a national institution of any character whatever by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or having any interest whatever in any such.

"IV. To exercise all influence possible to prevent the merging of the Subordinate and Encampment departments of the Order. To protest most emphatically against the violation or restriction by that body of the rights, powers, and privileges vested in us, and by us in part delegated to our Subordinates.

"V. The recognition of the true source of all power and authority as being in the membership at large; that the sovereignty rests in them; that the rights and powers of State Grand Bodies and of the Grand Lodge of the United States are only delegated ones."

Rep. Humphrey, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of the State of Ohio have permission to change her constitution and general laws so as to correspond with the one adopted January, 1853, (by a vote of 48 yeas to 25 nays,) and that upon the same being submitted to the M. W. Grand Sire, and approved by him, the said Grand Encampment shall be governed by the same.

The hour having arrived, viz. 2¼ o'clock, fixed for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits—

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved further to postpone the order for thirty minutes.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved that the order be now discharged, and made the special order for this evening at 7 o'clock, which was agreed to.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Indiana, at its last annual communication, believing that Rep. Dufour had forfeited, under the Constitution of this Grand Body, his seat in this body, by removing from the State of Indiana to the District of Columbia, to perform the duties of a government officer; and whereas the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in good faith, elected and duly accredited P. G. Woolsey as a Representative from said Grand Lodge to this Grand Lodge, and he has appeared here with his credentials to take his seat as such Representative; and whereas this Grand Lodge has decided that Representative Dufour did not forfeit his seat herein by his removal under the circumstances, and consequently that P. G. Woolsey was not entitled to his seat, therefore—

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and per Diem be instructed to report the mileage and per diem of P. G. Woolsey up to the 7th instant and that the same be paid out of the Treasury of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby donated to the General Relief Committee of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of Mobile, to be expended by them in the relief of sick and distressed brethren of Mobile, during the prevalence of the epidemic in that city.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That "The Legislative Guide and Citizen's Manual," by Joseph Bartlett Burleigh, L.L.D., be adopted as the basis of parliamentary proceedings in all cases not provided for by the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Officers be authorized to procure as many copies of that book, for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge, as there are State Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction.

Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the sum of.....dollars be appropriated to the payment of the per diem and expenses of the special committee on dues and benefits.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS a difference of opinion exists as to the construction of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on page 1504, some contending, if a member be suspended for twelve months for non-payment of dues, he may terminate the suspension by the payment of his dues at any time before the expiration of the twelve months; others that he must suffer the punishment before he can be restored to his lodge, together with the payment of his dues:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to report to this Grand Lodge the true meaning of said report.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the next regular annual session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of.....

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved to fill the blank with "Nashville," Tennessee.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, moved to amend by inserting "Detroit," Michigan.

Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, moved to amend by inserting "Baltimore," Maryland.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Moore, of Kentucky—

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, inquired of the Chair whether another amendment was in order?

The Chair ruled that under the rules of order, there now being an amendment to an amendment pending, further amendment would not now be in order.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved that the rule of order limiting amendments to an amendment to an amendment, be suspended.

The Chair ruled that there being now a question before the Lodge, the motion to suspend the rule was not in order.

From this decision Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, appealed, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"—

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, instructing this committee to inquire into and report upon the expediency of reducing the price of supplies to the rates therein named, have had the subject under consideration, and respectfully report, that in the judgment of the committee it is inexpedient at present to make the proposed reduction, because the committee have already submitted a general report, in which estimates for the current expenses of the ensuing year have been based upon contemplated receipts at the present rates of charge. The committee think that the prices now charged will not produce much excess of revenue over and

above the wants of the treasury. The printing of the Revised Journal and its Index created an extraordinary demand upon the treasury, a part of which will fall upon this year's appropriations. The treasury next year will be relieved from this burden, and then a reduction, in the judgment of the committee, will be highly expedient; and with this view the committee submit a resolution which contemplates a reduction to take effect on the 1st of July next, the period at which the fiscal year of this Grand Lodge closes, and one so near the period when this Grand Lodge will again meet that the estimates of receipts will not perhaps be materially affected in consequence of the reduction proposed by the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That from and after the first day of July, in the year 1854, the price of the supplies hereinafter named shall be as follows, viz:

For Charge and Degree books,.....$1.00 each.
For Books of Degree of Rebekah,..... 50 cents each.
For Odes,.....$2.00 per hundred.
For Cards,.....$5.00 per hundred.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia:

Amend Article 18 of the Constitution by adding, "two-thirds of the members present may amend the verbal phraseology of any pending amendment, at the time it is taken up for final action."

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved that the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of New York.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved to lay the resolution on the table, pending which, the hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, to wit, 3½ o'clock, the Chair adjourned the Lodge until this evening at 7 o'clock.

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FRIDAY EVENING—SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order, to wit, the report of the special committee on dues and benefits—

When Rep. Williamson, from the committee, asked and obtained leave, on behalf of the committee, to modify the resolutions accompanying the report; and the said resolutions were modified accordingly, and given the form in which they are printed at page 2057 of this Journal.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the said resolutions were considered seriatim.

The question being taken on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution—

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was amended by striking out in the tenth line the words "to be called the Actuary Report," and also by striking out in thirteenth line the words "proper officer," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Grand Secretary."

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, the second resolution was further amended by striking out the words "and the total amount of funds belonging to the Lodge invested and on hand."

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

The question being on the third resolution—

Rep. Saunders, of Northern New York, moved to amend it by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following:

"That the Grand Secretary shall take charge of the department of vital statistics and of the foregoing reports, and collate, preserve, and arrange the same, and report thereon at each annual session of this Grand Lodge."

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, moved to amend the amendment by adding the following:

"Embodying the aggregate results, with such suggestions as he may deem necessary and advantageous to the Order."

Both the amendment to the amendment and the amendment were adopted; and then the third resolution, as thus amended, was adopted.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, then moved to amend the form of report, &c. presented by the committee, by substituting the word "statistical report" for the word "actuary report," wherever it occurs, which motion was adopted.

Rep Barnard, of Northern New York, moved to strike out in the "form" the following words, "funds invested," "value of property," "money on hand;" which was adopted.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, moved to amend by inserting the "amount paid on mortality account" at the foot of the "*form*," which was adopted.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be and are hereby directed to have printed, and to furnish to each Grand Body under this jurisdiction, blank forms of the statistical report to the number of three for each Subordinate under their respective jurisdictions.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, directing that committee to report upon the propriety of making an appropriation in favor of the Committee on

Dues and Benefits, as a compensation for the services rendered by them in that behalf, respectfully report, that while the able and elaborate report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits affords convincing proof of the great labor and loss of time which its preparation must have required, yet your committee think it would be inexpedient to establish the precedent of compensating committees of this body for services rendered by them in that capacity. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciate the services rendered by the Committee on Dues and Benefits, but deem it inexpedient to grant a pecuniary compensation for services rendered on committees regularly appointed by this body.

*Resolved*, That the expenses incurred by Grand Representative I. D. Williamson in preparing said report, amounting to $48.75, be paid to him, and those incurred by Grand Representative C. Billinghurst, amounting to $7, be paid to him; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer accordingly.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved that the Grand Secretary withhold all further copy of the proceedings from the printer from this time, and that the Journal be kept in manuscript, which was agreed to.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the time of adjournment, viz: the motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, to lay on the table the motion to hold the next annual meeting at New York; and the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Rep. Jones, of Texas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Purdin, of California:

*Resolved*, That Article 10 of the Constitution be amended as follows: In line 6 strike out "two years" and insert "four years;" and Article 11 as follows. strike out "annually on the first Monday in September," and insert "biennially on the first Monday of October."

Rep. Jones, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the privileges of the Degree of Rebekah to the widows, daughters, and sisters of scarlet degree members, and of modifying the present regulation on the subject of this degree so as to require in all cases an affirmative vote of a majority of the Subordinate Lodges in order to admit an applicant to the honors of this degree, and to report accordingly.

Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS we have been informed, through the Representatives from the State of Tennessee, that there has been established, and is now in successful operation in said State, a literary institution under the name of the "Odd-Fellows' Female Collegiate Institute," at Rogersville, in the County of Hawkins; that the institution was founded and has been maintained alone by the efforts and under the

auspices of a single Subordinate Lodge—Hawkins Lodge, No. 41; that there are competent and able professors in the several departments, and, though in operation for only three years, it already numbers two hundred students; and whereas the Grand Lodge of Tennessee have requested their Representatives to ask of this Grand Body such expression of commendation and approval as may be deemed proper; therefore—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States regard with the highest interest all efforts of our brethren to promote the cause of education, as intimately connected with the prosperity and permanency of our institution, and as reducing to practice one of the theories of our Order.

*Resolved*, That we regard the establishment and maintenance of the Odd-Fellows' Female Collegiate Institute, at Rogersville, in the State of Tennessee, by the members of a Subordinate Lodge, as the highest evidence of their devotion to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, and that we recommend said institution to the most favorable consideration and support.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to consider and report upon the propriety and expediency of prescribing a "suitable regalia for a P. G. Master and P. G. Patriarch," respectfully report that there seems to be a propriety in prescribing a regalia for a member entitled to the honors of the two branches of the Order herein referred to, inasmuch as a regalia combining the colors and emblems of both those branches will obviate the necessity of such members having two sets of regalia while travelling, or otherwise. Your committee, therefore, propose the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the regalia of a Past Grand Master and a Past Grand Patriarch be as follows: A collar of the prescribed dimensions, the upper half of which shall be of scarlet material, trimmed with white; the lower half thereof shall be of purple material, trimmed with yellow; the jewel shall be a double triangle, of yellow metal, enclosing a sun with heart and hands, of white *metal*.

LUTHER J. GLENN,
WM. ENGLISH,
GEO. W. DAY.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That hereafter, in cases of contested claims to seats in the Grand Lodge, mileage and per diem shall be allowed to him only who shall be admitted to the seat.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Hale, of Southern N. York:

*Resolved*, That the sixth line of the tenth article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended by striking out the word "two" and inserting the word "four," so that the terms of members of this Grand Lodge shall be four years.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be and the same is hereby amended, by striking from the same the words "Encampment," "Grand Encampment," and "Subordinate Encampment," wherever they occur.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That leave of absence from the service of this body, during the remainder of this session, be granted to Rep. Denham, of Florida, from and after to-day.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred a resolution presented by Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, asking legislation to enable the several Grand Lodges to authorize semi-monthly meetings of Subordinates, on condition that twenty-six nights' service should constitute the length of the official term, have considered the same, and beg leave to report, that such authority is at present vested in Grand Lodges, as will be seen by reference to the Digest. There is, therefore, no necessity of further legislation on the subject.

WALTER L. STEELE,
W. D. McCORD,
JOHN CRICKARD.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, proposing to require of members who take withdrawal cards the payment of dues accruing for one year afterwards, and giving them benefits for the same length of time, have considered the same, and beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, the law is better as it stands than it would be if altered as proposed. They therefore beg leave to report the resolution back to the Grand Lodge, and recommend that it do *not* pass.

WALTER L. STEELE,
W. D. McCORD,
J. CRICKARD.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the R. W. G. Secretary be directed to furnish to each member of this Grand body one copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the present session so soon as printed.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session for himself and colleague, Rep. Harmon.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, asked and obtained leave of absence after this day.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, report that they find the same correct.

T. G. SENTER,
MATTHEW PURDIN.

Rep. Hyde, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That leave of absence be granted G. Rep. Stacy, of Michigan, for the balance of the session, he having been called away by illness in his family.

Rep. A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan, moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge have heard with unfeigned regret of the death of P. G. Master and Grand Representative John Chester, of Michigan.

*Resolved*, That the courteous and manly bearing of the deceased had endeared him to the members of this body to whom he was personally known, and that in the prompt and punctual discharge of all the duties devolved upon him by this body we had the strongest evidence of usefulness in the future, and that in his death this body have to deplore the loss of a much esteemed member and brother.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge deeply sympathize with his afflicted widow and family, and, as a mark of our respect to his memory and sympathy with his family, order that these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this body, and a copy thereof, certified by the Grand Officers, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Rep. J. B. Kellogg, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Secretary, in procuring the printing of Degree Books, is hereby instructed to include in said books the form adopted at the last session for opening and closing Degree Lodges.

Rep. McCord, of Iowa, asked and obtained leave of absence for Reps. Bishop and Grumman, of Connecticut, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the resolution recorded on page 2126 of the Journal of the present session, that the Grand Encampment of Kentucky have leave to alter their constitution so as to change the regular sessions from semi-annual to annual, beg leave to report that the consent of this Grand Lodge is not necessary, inasmuch as every Grand Body has now the power to alter its constitution in the manner therein prescribed.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Humphrey, of Ohio, on page 2161 of the Journal of the present session, in reference to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, beg leave to report that the adoption of the resolution, in the form offered, would not be in accordance with the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

It appears that at the last annual session of the Grand Encampment of Ohio a form of constitution was voted upon, and received forty-eight affirmative and twenty-five negative votes, and was declared not to be adopted, the vote not being a two-thirds vote. That form of constitution was then re-offered and lies over until the next annual session. It makes a great change in the existing constitution of that body, and greatly reduces its expenses, and is represented to be greatly desired by that jurisdiction, and its defeat at the last annual session was entirely accidental. The form of constitution has been laid before this committee, and had it been regularly adopted we would have recommended its approval. To prevent unnecessary delay and meet the wishes of that Grand Encampment, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the form of constitution now pending before the Grand Encampment of Ohio, to be acted upon at its next annual session, be and the same is hereby approved by this Grand Lodge, and, if adopted by a constitutional vote, shall go into effect immediately on its adoption.

D. P. BARNARD,
JOSEPH L. DREW,
E. B. LYMAN.

On motion of Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to consider the resolution moved by him, page 2105 printed Journal, to amend the 16th rule of order, which being considered, and the question being on its adoption, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees now lying on the table, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, on page 2112, being from the Committee on Constitutions, approving the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. was considered and adopted.

The next report, being on the same page, and from the same committee, approving the constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, same page, approving the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, upon the decisions of the Grand Sire, page 2114, was taken up, when Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, asked a division of the question.

The question being on adopting so much of the report as approves the first decision of the Grand Sire, it was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of so much of the report of the committee as approves the second decision of the Grand Sire, it was adopted.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, moved to lay the report under consideration on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on adopting so much of the report of the committee as dissents from the third decision of the Grand Sire—

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the report be recommitted to the Committee on the State of the Order with instructions to amend their report by striking out that part of it recommending that decision No. 3 of Grand Sire Moore be not confirmed, and insert a recommendation that the decision be confirmed.

The question recurring on the adoption of so much of the report of the committtee as recommends the confirmation of the fourth decision of the Grand Sire, it was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of so much of the report as recommends the confirmation of the fifth decision of the Grand Sire, it was agreed to.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, page 2116, upon the appeal of P. G. P. Alex. E. Glenn from a decision of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, being under consideration—

Rep. Hayward moved to lay the same on the table, which was agreed to.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2117, upon the appeal of P. G. J. N. Marks from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, being under consideration—

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to reverse their decision, which was agreed to.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2118, being under consideration, it was, on motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, recommitted to the committee with instructions to reverse their decision.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, under the instructions of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the third decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, embodied in his annual report, as to the power of District Deputy Grand Sires to appoint deputies for installing purposes, be and is hereby confirmed.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry of Rep. Edmonds, of Virginia, respectfully report: That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, vol. 3, page 1504, Journal of Proceedings, to which the inquiry relates, is mainly intended to establish the point that upon the expiration of a term of suspension the suspended brother is restored to membership *without a vote* of his Lodge. And it seems to your committee that the report also clearly establishes the doctrine that when a brother is suspended for a *specified time*, for non-payment of dues, or any other cause, such suspended brother cannot be restored to membership until the specified time of suspension shall have fully expired, unless by action of a Grand Lodge.

The committee are of opinion that *definite* suspension for non-payment of dues is an unwise and impolitic course of proceeding. If such suspension were always *indefinite* the difficulty presented by the inquiry would be obviated, and brothers suffer no longer than they allow the cause of suspension to exist.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance recommend that the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to Thomas I. Neill, the Assistant Messenger appointed to attend the session of this Grand Lodge, and submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw an order in favor of Thomas I. Neill, Assistant Messenger, for the sum of fifteen dollars.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was recommitted their report on the appeal of P. G. J. N. Marks from a decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, with instructions to report in favor of the appellant, would ask leave to submit, in accordance with said instructions, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the case of the appeal of P. G. J. N. Marks be reversed.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
R. FINLEY HUNT.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was recommitted the report on the appeal of P. G. Race from a decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, with instructions to report in favor of the appellant, would ask leave to submit, in accordance with said instructions, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the case of the appeal of P. G. Race be reversed.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
R. FINLEY HUNT.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred a document purporting to be an appeal of P. G. M. Peter Fritz from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in a matter of personal concern to him, would respectfully ask leave to report that the document is informal in its character, not having received the consent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to its presentation here, and not being otherwise in accordance with the law, as laid down in the Digest. The committee would recommend its return to the source from which it emanated.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
R. FINLEY HUNT.

By unanimous consent, and on motion of Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, the rule requiring reports to lie over for one day was suspended for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, was ordered to lie on the table:

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge will close the session at half-past 3 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is indebted to Grand Representative Williamson, of Kentucky, in the sum of two hundred and fifty-five dollars, for eighty-five days' labor in preparing the voluminous statistical tables accompanying his able report on the subject of "dues and benefits," and that an order be drawn in his favor on the Grand Treasurer for said amount.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the resolution was laid on the table, to await the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance on that subject.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report being from the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of P. G. P. Alexander E. Glenn, page 2116, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2118, being from the same committee, in the matter of the appeal of J. L. Polhemus, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2119, being from the same committee, upon the communication of James E. Sabine, of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2119, being from the Committee on Petitions, upon the subject of Lodges and Encampments instituted during the recess, and the application of Lodges Nos. 6 and 8 of California for a remission of dues, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, so much of said report as relates to confirmation of charters was adopted, and so much as relates to the remission of dues was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The next report, being from the special committee on unfinished business, page 2121, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the first three subjects of unfinished business reported by the committee were indefinitely postponed.

The question then being on the fourth subject reported by the committee, viz. the resolution of Rep. Hunt, of District Columbia proposing an annual appropriation to the Washington Monument, it was not agreed to.

The question then being on the fifth subject reported by the committee, viz. an amendment to the by-laws proposed by Rep. Dufour, of Indiana, page 1966, Journal of last year, it was,

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, indefinitely postponed.

The next report, from the Committee on Returns, page 2123, being under consideration—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, asked a division of the question, and the question being on adopting the report, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution accompanying the report—Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows:

"If in his opinion the good of the Order may require."

The question being on the amendment, it was agreed to, and the resolution as amended, was adopted.

By unanimous consent, the order of business was suspended to enable the Committee on Mileage to report.

When Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, from that committee, made the following report which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In obedience to the direction of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem report the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars as due to P. G. Daniel Wolsey, the claimant for the seat of Rep. Dufour, of Indiana, and recommend the same to be paid.

JAS. W. HALE,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
F. D. MULFORD.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

The next report, being from the Committee on Petitions, touching the formation of an Encampment in the jurisdiction of California, page 2124, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the special committee on translating and printing the work in foreign languages, page 2125, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Printing, page 2130, being under consideration—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee as follows:

Said advertisement to be issued on or before the first Monday of July.

The question being on the amendment, it was adopted, and the report and resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 2131, upon the constitution and by-laws of Chemeketa Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, and same page, upon the constitution and by-laws of Anson Jones Encampment, of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, and same page, on the constitution and by-laws of Bugle Lodge, No. 3, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2133, upon the constitution and by-laws of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, and same page, upon the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted, after to-day, to Reps. Lyford, of New Hampshire, and Dufour, of Indiana.

On motion, the consideration of reports of committees was temporarily suspended, when

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred an inquiry from the jurisdiction of Northern New York, presented by Rep. Hopkins, whether a Past Grand, acting as Warden, should assume the regalia of that office, and whether a member would be justified in withholding the password from him under such circumstances, would respectfully report:

That any brother, occupying either permanently or temporarily a subordinate station in a Lodge, should wear the regalia of the office he thus occupies. Thus, if a Past Grand occupies the Vice Grand's chair, he should wear the blue regalia of that office, exactly as a Vice Grand when acting as Noble Grand should wear the scarlet regalia of that chair. The same rule applies to the other offices. But, while thus holding, the committee would not consider a brother justified in refusing to give the password to a Past Grand, acting temporarily as Warden, who had not assumed the proper regalia of that chair. If the presiding officer of the Lodge recognised him as the Warden, and gave him orders accordingly, the brethren of the Lodge should follow his example by acknowledging his authority in that office. If they desired to question his right to act while improperly clothed, they should raise the objection in some other way than by refusing to give him the password.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. GYLES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in case the business of the session be not concluded at half-past 3 o'clock P. M. this day, this Grand Lodge will then take a recess until 5 o'clock P. M., and that when this Grand Lodge adjourn this day it adjourn sine die.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Gilchrist, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, was ordered to lie on the table:

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be instructed to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge such laws as will for the future prevent any appropriation of funds belonging to this Order to any purposes not strictly pertaining to the Order, and prohibiting any subscriptions or donations to any but Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Bradbury, of Maine.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to have the Degree of Rebekah translated and printed in the German language, and that said work be furnished to Lodges at the same rate as the English edition.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, asked and obtained leave of absence for Reps. Woodward and Bailey, of Missouri, after to-day.

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Legislative Committee adverse to the application from the Grand Lodge of Southern New York asking a return to three months' terms, page 2149, which was considered and adopted.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed, in making out the list of members of this Grand Lodge for publication with the permanent proceedings, to specify the post-office of each member.

Rep. Sligo, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns respectfully report the returns of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey as correct. This report is rendered necessary, the same having been accidentally omitted in our former report.

GEORGE SLIGO,
MATTHEW PURDIN.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

The report from the Committee on the State of the Order, adverse to the resolution of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, page 2134, upon the subject of conferring the Grand Lodge degree, was considered.

Rep. Moore, of Kentucky, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That permission be given the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to hold a special session in the city of Covington or Maysville, for the purpose of conferring upon qualified Past Grands the Grand Lodge degree, any provision in the Constitution or Laws of that Grand Lodge to the contrary notwithstanding.

The question being on the motion to recommit with instructions, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2135, upon the resolution of Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, touching the charge of the royal purple degree succeeding the O. B. N., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2136, being from the majority of the special

committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kempton, of Georgia, touching the distribution of books of diagrams to the State jurisdictions, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Maine, the report of the minority of the same committee, same page, was taken up in connexion with the majority report; when—

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the majority report was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report in conformity to the minority report.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2137, upon so much of the Grand Sire's report which refers to suspended members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, on the same page, upon the proposition to authorize moveable Lodges in the Army of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2137, upon the subject of lunatic members of the Order was considered and adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. McCord, of Iowa, for the remainder of the session.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for thirty minutes.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, and resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 2138, upon the appeal of P. G. Elijah Hughes, of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the special committee to which the subject of the state of the Order in British North America was referred, page 2139, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2144, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of the inquiry submitted by Rep. Potts, of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report being from the same committee, page 2145, upon the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Indiana on the subject of cards, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 214, upon the twelve queries from the jurisdiction of Louisiana submitted by Rep. Race, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, the Lodge agreed to suspend the consideration of reports in the order in which they appear upon the printed Journal, and to take up the reports of committees made at the session of Friday night.

The report of the Committee on Finance, upon the subject of compensation to the Committee on Dues and Benefits, page 2164, and other appropriations, being under consideration—

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution accompanying the report, he moved to amend it as follows:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is indebted to Grand Representative Williamson, of Kentucky, in the sum of two hundred and fifty-five dollars, for eighty-five days' labor in preparing the voluminous statistical tables accompanying his able report on the subject of "dues and benefits," and that an order be drawn in his favor on the Grand Treasurer for said amount.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows, "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Race to the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Finance?" and it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Billinghurst, Burton, Carpenter, (2 votes,) Crickard, Drew, Gilchrist, Hale, Hunter, Hyde, Jones, of Texas, L. H. Kellogg, Long, Lyman, Moore, Mulford, (2 votes,) Race, Shaw, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Veitch, Wolford—24.

NAYS—Askew, Bailey, Barnard, Barry, Bridgman, Brunson, Bryson, (2 votes,) Carlisle, Chapman, Day, Della Torre, Denison, Dunlap, Edmonds, Ellison, English, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Froment, Glenn, (2 votes,) Gyles, Hackleman, Hayward, Hicks, Hodgson, Hopkins, Humphrey, Hunt, Ingraham, Jones, of D. C., Kennedy, J. B. Kellogg, McCord, Marley, Mountfort, Mullen, Potts, Purdin, Ridgely, Robinson, Rucker, Sanders, Seymour, Sligo, Smiley, Smith, of N. N. Y., Steele, of N. H., Steele, N. C., (2 votes,) Tuthill, Wilkinson, Williams, Wilstack, Woodward, Young, Zimmerman—58.

The question recurring on the first resolution of the Committee on Finance, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, it was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance upon the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's accounts, page 2156, was considered.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee by adding the following, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to draw upon the Treasurer in favor of the widow of the artist who prepared the daguerreotypes for the diagrams for the sum of ninety-six dollars.

And the report and resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, asked and obtained leave of absence, on account of sickness in his family.

The report of the special committee, to whom was referred the subject of regalia suitable for a P. G. Master and P. G. Patriarch, page 2166, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, was indefinitely postponed.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the work in the French language as soon as practicable transmitted to such Grand Bodies as have Subordinates working in that language under their respective jurisdictions at the same price as charged for the work in the other languages.

The report from the Legislative Committee, page 2167, on the resolution moved by Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, upon the subject of semi-monthly meetings of Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 2167, upon the resolution of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, touching the payment of dues and benefits upon withdrawal cards, was considered and adopted.

The report from the Committee on Returns, upon the return of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, page 2168, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Constitutions, in relation to the application from the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, page 2168, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page, touching the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Constitutions," which was resolved in the affirmative.

The report from the Legislative Committee, page 2147, touching the proposition to admit the Sisters of Rebekah to witness installations, was considered and adopted.

The report from the majority of the same committee, upon the resolutions of the jurisdiction of North Carolina touching the merging of the Encampment branch of the Order, page 2148, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the minority report on the same subject was taken up in connexion with the majority report.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, moved indefinitely to postpone the whole subject, which was agreed to.

The majority report of the same committee upon the subject of extending the term of Representatives to four years, page 2149, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, the Lodge agreed to take up the minority report in connexion with the majority report.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved to substitute the minority report for that of the majority.

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance recommend that W. C. Cunningham be paid the sum of twenty dollars, for services rendered in the removal of the furniture of the Grand Lodge to Philadelphia, and for services rendered during the session. The adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary draw on the Grand Treasurer in favor of W. Carville Cunningham for twenty dollars.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was recommitted their former report with instructions to report in conformity with the decision of Grand Sire Wm. W. Moore upon the subject of the power of a D. D. Grand Sire to appoint a Deputy to install officers elect, page 2170, was considered and adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, and Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, after to-day.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order upon the inquiry of Rep. Edmonds, of Virginia, page 2171, was considered.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, moved to amend as follows:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order on the inquiry of Rep. Edmonds be so amended as to declare that nothing therein contained shall be so construed as to prevent a member from being reinstated at any time during the time of suspension that he may come in and pay his dues.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The report from the Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry from the jurisdiction of Maryland, page 2147, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, the consideration of reports of committees was temporarily suspended.

Rep. Barnard, of Northern New York, moved that the time fixed for adjournment, viz. 3½ o'clock, be extended to ten minutes past 4 o'clock, and that when the Lodge adjourns this day, it will adjourn *sine die*, which was adopted.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to which was recommitted the report of the majority of the committee in relation to furnishing books of diagrams to State Grand Lodges and Encampments, with instructions to report in conformity with the views of the minority of said committee, respectfully recommend that the minority report of said committee be adopted.

EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
WM. R. SMITH,
D. P. BARNARD.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

The report of the Legislative Committee upon the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Texas, page 2150, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Petitions, touching the formation of an Encampment in California, was considered and adopted.

The report of Rep. Sligo, of the special committee to whom was referred the subject of making suitable arrangements for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its present session, page 2158, was next taken up; when—

On motion of Rep. Young, of Maryland, the unanimous thanks of the Lodge were presented to the committee.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was considered, and the permission therein asked to report at the next session was granted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 1, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the case of P. G. John H. Ing, would respectfully ask leave to state that they have been waiting since the presentation of this appeal, on Monday last, for all the documents and papers relating to the case, which are requisite to enable the committee to make a full report of the facts and principles involved in this complicated controversy. The balance of the papers they have but this moment received, and if compelled to report upon the case at the present session, such report must necessarily be partial and imperfect. They would therefore ask permission to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, or to report at the next session of this R. W. Body, provided no expense be incurred to this Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
R. FINLEY HUNT,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, relative to the expediency of providing a law for the better definition of the powers of Lodges touching suspension for cause, so as to limit all such suspensions to a period which shall not be longer than the time at which a member would become suspended for arrearages of dues, beg leave to report that they deem further legislation on the subject entirely inexpedient.

JOHN CRICKARD,
WALTER L. STEELE,
W. D. McCORD.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, relative to the expediency of providing

by law that all proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge shall be written out as fully as it is intended they should read if adopted, have considered the same, and beg leave, in concurrence therewith, to report the annexed resolution, and recommend its passage:

*Resolved,* That all propositions to amend the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Lodge shall be written out in full, in the precise words in which it is proposed that the amendment should read if adopted.

JOHN CRICKARD,
WALTER L. STEELE,
W. D. McCORD.

Rep. Crickard, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment and Order generally of Pennsylvania, for the uniform courtesy and hospitality extended to the Officers and Representatives during the present session.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom the resolution of Rep. Potts, of Illinois, to be found on page 2107 of the Journal of this session, was referred, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the resolution.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
EDWARD S. KEMPTON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Messenger forward to each officer and member of this Grand Lodge, by mail, fifteen copies of the daily journal of proceedings of this body, or to such persons as they may order, prepaying the postage as provided in the resolution adopted at the present communication.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, submitted the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned beg leave to protest most respectfully but firmly against the decision of this Grand Lodge on the 7th instant, in the case of the conflicting claims to a seat in this body by two brothers claiming to be Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Indiana. They believe that the adoption of the minority report of the Committee on Credentials was in violation of the spirit and meaning of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and a precedent dangerous to the future harmony and calculated to lead to misunderstandings between this body and State jurisdictions. They are impelled, therefore, to protest against this action of the Grand Lodge from the importance they attach to the

decision complained of, and the great principle which they believe it involves. It should be a paramount consideration with all organized bodies, having written constitutions for their government, to conform their action in every instance to its written requirements, and no emergency can justify their violation.

The simple question presented by the reports of the Committee on Credentials in the case referred to was, whether P. G. Dufour was or was not a *resident* of the State of Indiana at the time he appeared and offered himself as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of that State at the commencement of the present communication; for, if he was not, there was no warrant in the constitution for his appearance as such Representative, section two of article ten expressly declaring that "no brother *shall represent* a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment unless he *resides* in the State, District, or Territory where the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of which he offers himself as a Representative is located." As this section follows that fixing the term of incumbency of Representatives, the undersigned insist that this qualification must continue during the term of service or the seat becomes vacant by operation of the constitution. The undersigned respectfully submit that residence is a question of fact, and not of inference. A man resides where he has his domicil, where he has his family and business, where he lives and pursues his calling. They believe that the terms employed in the constitution should be interpreted according to their common acceptation. There can be no controversy in regard to the meaning of the word "resides" in the section under consideration. Webster defines it at length in his great dictionary of our language. It is substantially to dwell permanently for a length of time, to have a settled abode for a time. When applied to natives of a State, it has reference to the part of a city or country in which a man dwells. A stranger or traveller does not *reside* in an inn when he is there for a night, but he *resides* in a city or town for a month or a year, or he may reside in a foreign country for a great part of his life. A man lodges, stays, remains, abides for a day or a very short time; but *resides* implies a longer time, though not definite. Nor does the legal meaning differ from this definition. It has been settled by the highest authority in this country that a man cannot have two domicils, but that he can only have one for one purpose at one and the same time; and that if a person has actually removed to another place with an intention of remaining there for an indefinite time, and as a place of fixed present domicil, it is to be deemed his place of domicil, notwithstanding he may entertain a floating intention to return at some future period; and the place of his domicil must be considered as the place of his residence. (See Story Conflict Laws, pages 55, 59.) Apply these well-established definitions and principles to the facts developed in the reports of the Committee on Credentials, and it appears to the undersigned that there cannot be a doubt but this Grand Lodge, by the retention of Rep. Dufour, misconstrued its own written Constitution and trampled the rights of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in the dust; for, while she could not claim to be the sole judge of the qualifications of her Representatives,

she had a right to expect that this Grand Lodge would construe its own Constitution according to its letter, spirit, and clear intent and meaning. The undersigned protest against the decision of this Grand Lodge:

1st. Because it is clear, from the facts presented by the Committee on Credentials, that P. G. M. Dufour was a resident of the District of Columbia at the commencement of the present communication, and not a resident of the State of Indiana, having removed to the former place with the whole of his family as a place of fixed present domicil, to remain there for an indefinite time, in the pursuit of a regular calling, and was not, therefore, qualified to take his seat as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

2d. Because the tendency of the precedent will be to render a Representative a fixture of this Grand Lodge, with a right to a seat during his term, whether his qualifications as to residence and being an Odd Fellow in good standing continue or not.

3d. Because they regard the decision as in violation of the letter, spirit, and meaning of the Constitution of this Grand Body.

4th. Because if there were doubts as to the qualifications of P. G. M. Dufour to take his seat as a Representative, those doubts should have inured to the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which had unanimously decided that Bro. Dufour had vacated his seat by his removal from the State of Indiana.

5th. Because if this Grand Lodge establishes the principle of constructive residence as a feature of Odd Fellowship, it will lead to the virtual revival of the proxy system, and to the overthrow of that provision of the Constitution requiring the Representative to reside in the jurisdiction from which he offers himself as such Representative.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully ask that this their protest may be entered upon the Journal of this Grand Body.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
J. P. CHAPMAN.

Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Rep. Williamson, of Kentucky, have leave to withdraw from the office of the Grand Secretary certain statistical tables accompanying the report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits.

Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem present the annexed tabular statement, containing the distances travelled by the Officers and Representatives, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each is entitled.

In the tabular statement, mileage and per diem for service on the "Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the

Grand Lodge of the United States" are awarded only to Rep. De-Saussure, Colfax, and Barnard; P. G. Sire Griffin and Rep. Ellison not having attended the sessions of that committee.

Your committee, in accordance with the general practice of the Grand Lodge of the United States, would have reported the mileage of Rep Dufour from his residence in Indiana, but at his solicitation he is only allowed in the table for the distance from his present temporary abode in the District of Columbia.

The number of miles travelled by the Officers and Representatives, as shown in the annexed statement, is 70,910, (in 1852, 62,245;) the number of days' attendance this session has been 699, (in 1852, 544;) the amount of mileage this year is $7,091.00, (in 1852, $6,224.50;) for per diem $2,069, (in 1852, $1,632;) total amount of mileage and per diem the present session $11,211.50, (last year $7,856.50.)

Your committee, in submitting this their principal and final report, ask respectfully that the following resolution be adopted, and that they be discharged from further service:

*Resolved*, That the amount of the mileage and per diem, as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid.

JAS. W. HALE,
F. D. MULFORD,
THOS. T. SMILEY

| NAMES. | Residence. | Distance from Philadelphia. | Days in attendance. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. |
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| GRAND OFFICERS. | | | | | | |
| M. W. G. S. DeSaussure, | Charleston, S. C.. | 685 | 13 | $68 50 | $39 | $107 50 |
| R.W.D.G.S.Manchester, | Providence, R. I.. | 300 | 7 | 30 00 | 21 | 51 00 |
| R. W. G. T. J. Vansant,. | Baltimore, Md.... | 100 | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| R. W. G. C. J. M. Willey, | Stonington, Conn. | 250 | 7 | 25 00 | 21 | 46 00 |
| R.W.G.M.J.M.Cassady, | Camden, N. J.... | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 | 18 00 |
| R.W.G.Guar.S.H.Lewyt, | Baltimore, Md.... | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| R.W.G.M.Chamberlain,. | Baltimore, Md.... | 100 | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| REPRESENTATIVES. | | | | | | |
| Askew, H. F..... | Wilmington, Del.. | 30 | 6 | 3 00 | 18 | 21 00 |
| Bailey, S. H..... | St. Louis, Mo.... | 1,100 | 7 | 110 00 | 21 | 131 00 |
| Barnard, D. P..... | New York, N. Y. | 200 | 13 | 20 00 | 39 | 59 00 |
| Barry, R. H..... | Nashville, Tenn.. | 1,070 | 7 | 107 00 | 21 | 128 00 |
| Billinghurst, C..... | Junean, Wis..... | 1,285 | 7 | 128 50 | 21 | 149 50 |
| Bishop, S..... | New Haven, Conn, | 180 | 5 | 15 00 | 13 | 33 00 |
| Bradbury, C. W..... | Vergennes, Vt.... | 400 | 6 | 40 00 | 18 | 58 00 |
| Bridgman, J..... | Muscatine, Iowa.. | 1,710 | 7 | 171 00 | 21 | 192 00 |
| Brunson, B. W..... | St. Paul, Minnesota | 1,760 | 7 | 186 00 | 21 | 207 00 |
| Bryson, N. G..... | Vicksburg, Miss.. | 1,900 | 7 | 190 00 | 21 | 211 00 |
| Burton, J..... | Augusta, Me..... | 510 | 7 | 51 00 | 21 | 72 00 |
| Carlisle, N..... | Wilmington, Del.. | 25 | 6 | 2 50 | 18 | 20 50 |
| Carpenter, E. J..... | Brattleboro', Vt... | 460 | 7 | 46 00 | 21 | 67 00 |
| Chapman, J. P..... | Indianapolis, Ind.. | 690 | 7 | 69 00 | 21 | 90 00 |
| Clark, R. H..... | Milford, Del..... | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Colfax, S..... | South Bend, Ind.. | 850 | 13 | 85 00 | 39 | 124 00 |
| Crickard, J..... | New Orleans, La | 1,590 | 7 | 159 00 | 21 | 180 00 |
| Curtis, W..... | Philadelphia, Pa.. | ..... | 5 | ..... | 15 | 15 00 |
| Day, G. W..... | Cornersville, Tenn. | 1,160 | 7 | 116 00 | 21 | 137 00 |
| Della Torre, P..... | Charleston, S. C.. | 685 | 7 | 68 50 | 21 | 89 50 |
| Denham, W..... | Monticello, Flor.. | 1,200 | 5 | 120 00 | 15 | 135 00 |
| Denison, C. H..... | Westerly, R. I... | 255 | 7 | 25 50 | 21 | 46 50 |
| Drew, J. L..... | Boston, Mass.... | 340 | 7 | 34 00 | 21 | 55 00 |
| Dufour, O..... | Vevay, Ind..... | 140 | 7 | 14 00 | 21 | 35 00 |
| Dunlap, J. G..... | New Orleans, La. | 1,590 | 4 | 159 00 | 12 | 171 00 |
| Edmonds, J. R..... | Upperville, Va.... | 210 | 7 | 21 00 | 21 | 42 00 |
| Ellison, W..... | Boston, Mass.... | 340 | 7 | 34 00 | 21 | 55 00 |
| English, W..... | Philadelphia, Pa.. | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 | 18 00 |
| Fitzhugh, E. H..... | Wheeling, Va.... | 410 | 7 | 41 00 | 21 | 62 00 |
| Foute, A. M..... | Jackson, Miss.... | 1,950 | 7 | 195 00 | 21 | 216 00 |
| Froment, A..... | New York, N. Y. | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Gilchrist, W..... | Jersey City, N. J. | 100 | 2 | 10 00 | 6 | 16 00 |
| Glenn, L. J..... | McDonough, Ga.. | 980 | 7 | 98 00 | 21 | 119 00 |
| Gruman, C. J..... | Norwalk, Conn... | 145 | 5 | 14 50 | 15 | 29 50 |
| Gyles, J. A..... | Charleston, S. C.. | 685 | 7 | 68 50 | 21 | 89 50 |
| Hackleman, P. A..... | Rushville, Ind.... | 800 | 7 | 80 00 | 21 | 101 00 |
| Hale, J. W..... | New York, N. Y. | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Hardenburgh, T. H..... | Washington, N. C. | 470 | 7 | 47 00 | 21 | 68 00 |
| Harmon, C. C..... ... | Portland, Me..... | 450 | 5 | 45 00 | 15 | 60 00 |
| Hayward, N..... | Cleveland, Ohio.. | 700 | 7 | 70 00 | 21 | 91 00 |
| Hicks, W..... | Providence, R. I.. | 300 | 7 | 30 00 | 21 | 51 00 |
| Hodgson, J. W..... | Washington, D. C. | 140 | 7 | 14 00 | 21 | 35 00 |
| Hopkins, W..... | Auburn, N. Y.... | 425 | 7 | 42 50 | 21 | 63 50 |
| Humphrey, D..... | Newark, Ohio.... | 900 | 7 | 90 00 | 21 | 111 00 |

| NAMES. | RESIDENCE. | Distance from Philadelphia. | Days in attendance. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. |
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| Hunt, R. F..... | Washington, D. C. | 140 | 7 | 14 00 | $21 | $35 00 |
| Hunter, E. P..... | Martinsburg, Va.. | 200 | 7 | 20 00 | 21 | 61 00 |
| Hyde, J. E..... | Detroit, Mich.... | 810 | 7 | 81 00 | 21 | 102 00 |
| Ingraham, T..... | New Bedford, Mass | 315 | 7 | 31 50 | 21 | 52 50 |
| Jones, L..... | Georgetown, D. C. | 140 | 7 | 14 00 | 21 | 35 00 |
| Jones, A..... | Washington, Tex. | 2,090 | 7 | 209 00 | 21 | 230 00 |
| Kempton, E. S..... | Savannah, Geo... | 795 | 7 | 79 50 | 21 | 100 50 |
| Kennedy, J. A..... | New York, N. Y.. | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Kellogg, A. S..... | Detroit, Mich.... | 810 | 7 | 81 00 | 21 | 102 00 |
| Kellogg, J. B..... | Milwaukee, Wis.. | 1,220 | 7 | 122 00 | 21 | 143 00 |
| Kellogg, L. H..... | Milwaukee, Wis.. | 1,220 | 7 | 122 00 | 21 | 143 00 |
| Long, P. B..... | Philadelphia, Pa.. | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 | 18 00 |
| Lyford, J. C..... | Manchester, N. H. | 405 | 7 | 40 50 | 21 | 61 50 |
| Lyman, E. B..... | Mobile, Ala..... | 1,425 | 7 | 142 50 | 21 | 163 50 |
| McCord, W. D..... | Burlington, Iowa.. | 1,710 | 7 | 171 00 | 21 | 192 00 |
| Marley, R..... | Baltimore, Md.... | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Moore, J. M..... | Louisville, Ky.... | 950 | 7 | 95 00 | 21 | 116 00 |
| Mountfort, N. B..... | New York, N. Y.. | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Mulford, F. D..... | Pennsgrove, N. J. | 25 | 7 | 2 50 | 21 | 23 50 |
| Mullen, J. R..... | Boston, Mass..... | 340 | 7 | 34 00 | 21 | 55 00 |
| Potts, J. G..... | Galena, Ill..... | 1,530 | 7 | 153 00 | 21 | 174 00 |
| Purdin, M..... | Sacramento, Cal.. | 5,150 | 7 | 515 00 | 21 | 536 00 |
| Race, G. W..... | New Orleans, La.. | 1,590 | 7 | 159 00 | 21 | 180 00 |
| Ridgely, J. L..... | Baltimore, Md.... | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Robinson, E. C..... | Norfolk, Va..... | 300 | 7 | 30 00 | 21 | 51 00 |
| Rucker, R. H. L..... | Chicago, Ill..... | 1,370 | 7 | 137 00 | 21 | 158 00 |
| Sanders, J. P..... | Peekskill, N. Y... | 145 | 7 | 14 50 | 21 | 35 50 |
| Senter, T. G..... | Portsmouth, N. H. | 400 | 5 | 40 00 | 15 | 55 00 |
| Seymour, R. W..... | Charleston, S. C.. | 685 | 7 | 68 50 | 21 | 89 50 |
| Shaw, R. O..... | Mobile, Ala..... | 1,425 | 7 | 142 50 | 21 | 163 00 |
| Shelly, N. G..... | Talladega, Ala.... | 1,310 | 7 | 131 00 | 21 | 152 00 |
| Sligo, G..... | Philadelphia, Pa.. | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 | 18 00 |
| Smiley, T. T..... | Nashville, Tenn.. | 1,070 | 7 | 107 00 | 21 | 128 00 |
| Smith, W. R..... | Augusta, Me..... | 510 | 7 | 51 00 | 21 | 72 00 |
| Smith, A. M..... | Morris, N. Y..... | 400 | 7 | 40 00 | 21 | 61 00 |
| Stacy, C. A..... | Tecumseh, Mich.. | 850 | 6 | 85 00 | 18 | 103 00 |
| Steele, H..... | Peterboro', N. H.. | 410 | 7 | 41 00 | 21 | 62 00 |
| Steele, W. L..... | Rockingham, N.C. | 600 | 7 | 60 00 | 21 | 81 00 |
| Taylor, J. N..... | Paterson, N. J.... | 115 | 7 | 11 50 | 21 | 32 50 |
| Tuthill, W. H..... | Tipton, Iowa..... | 1,760 | 7 | 176 00 | 21 | 197 00 |
| Veitch, I. M..... | St. Louis, Mo.... | 1,100 | 7 | 110 00 | 21 | 131 00 |
| Wilkinson, D..... | Pawtucket, R. I.. | 305 | 7 | 30 50 | 21 | 51 50 |
| Williams, W. G..... | Cincinnati, Ohio.. | 800 | 7 | 80 00 | 21 | 101 00 |
| Williamson, I. D..... | Louisville, Ky.... | 950 | 7 | 95 00 | 21 | 116 00 |
| Wilson, J. G..... | Geneva, Ill..... | 1,410 | 7 | 141 00 | 21 | 162 00 |
| Wilstack, C. F..... | Cincinnati, Ohio.. | 800 | 7 | 80 00 | 21 | 101 00 |
| Woodruff, M..... | Columbus, Geo... | 1,115 | 7 | 111 50 | 21 | 132 50 |
| Woodward, E. K..... | St. Louis, Mo.... | 1,100 | 7 | 110 00 | 21 | 131 00 |
| Wolford, C..... | Louisville, Ky.... | 950 | 7 | 95 00 | 21 | 116 00 |
| Young, James..... | Baltimore, Md.... | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| Zimmerman, B. F..... | Baltimore, Md.... | 100 | 7 | 10 00 | 21 | 31 00 |
| | | 70,910 | 699 | 7,091 00 | 2,069 | 9,142 50 |

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived—

The R. W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace in prayer.

After which the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned *sine die.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'y.*

# Suspensions and Expulsions

## FROM THE ORDER, DURING THE YEAR 1852-53.

### MARYLAND.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 2, Edward Mathews, William Steward John Craf, for intoxication; 4, Lawrence Schneider and Frederick Volmer, conduct unbecoming; 5, Thomas Davidson, intoxication; 6, George G. Martin, indecent exposure of person; 8, William Taylor, conduct unbecoming; 15, Michael Smith, conduct unbecoming; 17, Jacob C. Tolson, intemperance; 18, James H. Gossage, violation of By-laws; 23, Solomon Conrad, Jacob Elteman, conduct unbecoming; 33, David Hoover, intoxication; 43, John Adams, violation of By-laws; 44, John Dorn, conduct unbecoming, Edward Cross, intemperance; 49, Jacob Rawlings, fraud; 50, Joseph R. Coomes, misconduct; 55, John Faulk and J. Heinez, conduct unbecoming; 60, P. G. James Bruster and John Towson, conduct unbecoming; 65, Leelerich Gerlach, intemperance, Lewis Uhl, unbecoming conduct; 66, R. F. Bender, intemperance; 68, N. Alexander Colmay, conduct unbecoming; 77, Hamilton Parkhill, intemperance; 80, Elisha Ebaugh, violating General Laws.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 7, Frederick Nightheart, perjury; 15, P. G. James Kirk and Thomas Smith, contempt; 16, P. G. R. B. Grubb, fraud; 32, J. D. Masters and D. C. Miller, gambling; 33, Daniel H. Kaines, speaking disrespectful of the Order, Christian Lantz, swindling; 51, Frederick Floto, conduct unbecoming; 57, John Higenbothem, contempt; 62, B. C. Pearce, violation of the law of the land; 64, S. D. Dowden, contempt; 67, John Guist, Jr., contempt; 71, Reynier Outwater, defrauding the Lodge; 79, John Frederick, contempt.

### SOUTHERN NEW YORK.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 21, James B. Ogden and Jos. Neil; 26, T. W. Caffry; 31, Jno. Cooper; 39, Geo. Clayton and P. G. Jas. F. Lewis; 45, P. G. W. Meeks; 49, D. W. Dermott; 82, J. Michelson;

84, P. G. Robt. Wale; 112, C. T. Bugsley; 120, Isaac Ferris; 165, Jn. Carr; 181, R. J. Ferguson and Jas. M. Revire; 203, J. A. P. Wiley; 219, Saml. S. Elias; 236, M. A. Gregory, W. A. Willard; 246, Jn. Hunt; 301, D. C. Brush; 306, Pat. Finerty; 332, W. Bradley; 342, W. Hooper; 345, Peter Williams; 347, C. F. Batterman and George Hammer; 359, Lucius H. Rickard; 373, Liederick Toons; 374, Salmon Asher; 402, P. G. John H. Drake; 405, Chas. Byrnes; 412, Vernon Shook; 420, P. G. Chas. V. Smith, (causes not reported.)

PENNSYLVANIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 44, J. P. Kintzler, improper conduct; 45, D. Herwig, improper conduct; 51, Hugh Montgomery, improper conduct; 61, Perry Fithworth and Nelson Clayton, improper conduct; 67, Wm. Buchanan and Chas. M. Johnson, improper conduct; 80, I. B. Edwards, B. Young and J. R. Albright, improper conduct; 82, Daniel Knouff, improper conduct; 99, Robert Culbertson, improper conduct; 159, Reuben A. Schwaln, improper conduct; 179, Emanuel Hassenplug, improper conduct; 185, John H. Worrilow, improper conduct; 192, Jonathan Molter, improper conduct; 199, John Turner, Adron Rambo, John McCormick and James Jackson, improper conduct; 273, Simon Goodman, improper conduct; 306, G. H. Cox, improper conduct; 346, Geo. F. Keller, improper conduct; 436, Jacob Brinker, F. C. Clayton, and Solomon Cassiday improper conduct; 446, A. J. Cole, improper conduct.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 11, J. H. Morner, improper conduct; 49, S. V. Arbuthert, improper conduct; 53, Isaac Lykins, improper conduct; 58, Jabez Nicholas, improper conduct; 64, Rees Jones, improper conduct; 82, Joseph Boyer, improper conduct; 89, Hugh Kyle, improper conduct; 91, Henry Anderson, improper conduct; 93, John Cochrane, improper conduct; 139, Peter Paff, improper conduct; 164, John Griffith, improper conduct; 166, Wm. H. Millhouse, improper conduct; 173, John Eby, improper conduct; 174, John Huber, improper conduct; 184, Wm. Myers, improper conduct; 189, John C. Heninger, improper conduct; 250, Robert Beaty, improper conduct; 371 David Ranson and Wm. Rine, improper conduct; 416, Oliver Ellsworth, improper conduct; 417, James M. Burin, improper conduct; 456, Peter Hartman, improper conduct.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 6, John E. Moran, drunkenness; 11, John C. Applegate, drunkenness; 13, William Collins, drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 6, William B. Sasscer, adultery, and C. H. Meekins, contempt.

OHIO.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 32, Josiah Wilson, conduct unbecoming; 71, J. W. Shaw, conduct unbecoming; 113, Otto Meisener, bad conduct towards a sick brother, and dishonoring the Order.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, James Mulvany, contempt; 2, E. J. Conover, James McDonald, contempt; James McKinstry, keeping a gambling rondo table; 3, Liberty D. Jenks, contempt; 4, Robert Minshall, drunkenness; 6, James Sinclair, revealing secrets of the Order; Wm. McConnell, contempt; 9, Isaac L. Reed, contempt; 10, Eli McGinnis, John Marshall, drunkenness; 16, Benj. DeBolt, conduct unbecoming; 22, M. D. McElderry, conduct unbecoming; 24, S. D. Stratten, quarreling; 25, James M. Keys, conduct unbecoming; 31, C. C. Morgan, contempt; 32, Matthew Littleton, Wm. Eckart, contempt; 36, Julius C. Guthrie, ill-treating his wife, and absconding to the injury of his creditors; Isaac Kerns, intemperance; 38, Martin R. Johnson, intemperance; 46, Dollin Moore, contempt; 48, David P. Summers, David Ferguson, contempt; 52, Joseph A. Coburn, for abandoning his family, eloping with a prostitute, and defrauding his creditors; 56, Herman Helmerkin, contempt; 57, George Pratt, conduct unbecoming; 59, W. E. Fowler, for grossly insulting a married lady; 61, David C. Johnson, rascality; 71, James Hurlbut, James Ilif, contempt; 79, Lyman C. Hurd, contempt; 74, James Murray, attempting to obtain benefits when not entitled to them; 87, Jackson C. Doughty, contempt; Alonzo Garlick, conduct unbecoming; 88, Joseph Lindersmith, M. F. Helman, contempt; 90, Isaac Dick, conduct unbecoming; 97, Ralph Boles, conduct unbecoming, Jonathan McAlister, drunkenness and adultery; 99, John Loury, murder in the first degree, Aaron Halfield, intoxication; 105, George Burt, contempt; 108, J. L. Bacon, J. H. Vining, T. H. Bennett, contempt; 109, John C. Thomas, habitual intoxication, and neglect of family; 113, Michael Muller, Charles Fred. Hennisch, contempt; 121, James G. Mitchell, contempt; 122, George Liab, Smith Ashley, conduct unbecoming; 132, Erastus Eastman, contempt.

LOUISIANA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 10, A. Barrett, conduct unbecoming, T. Opp, conduct unbecoming; 36, J. W. Brannan, habitual drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Jerome Davis, dishonesty; 3, Geo. White, convicted of manslaughter; 6, T. Brownjohn, dishonesty; 10, F. Wagner, conduct unbecoming; 11, Francis Buchanon, dishonesty; 14, E. Lowenstine, fraud and general bad character; 15, Josiah Alber, conduct unbecoming; 24, James Thomas, conduct unbecoming; 27, Harper M. Lee, conduct unbecoming, James T. Brown, conduct unbecoming; 28, Cyrus Lemont, drunkenness and abusing his family; 29, Emiel Rebhahn, conduct unbecoming; 32, James Alexander, P. Havey, John McMains, J. L. Fillman, contempt; 33, James McCabe, conduct unbecoming, Charles Gerhig, conduct unbecoming; 34, Alex. Billo, contempt.

NEW JERSEY.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 22, William King, drunkenness; 101 Rican Page, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, Andrew T. Thompson, not obeying summons of the Lodge; 8, Geo. McDonnald, claiming benefits for sickness while following his usual business; 14, Geo. R. Brettel, violating the laws of his state; 18, Aaron Osborn, drunkenness; Wm. H. Tinchnor, embezzeling the funds of the Lodge; 23, Caleb S. Pricket, contempt, 38, Benj. Kelly, contempt; 42, Thompson S. Peltys, contempt and drunkenness; 51, Geo. D. Bush, drunkenness and bad conduct; 57 Valentine McMacken, intoxication; 64, Andrew D. Turner, contempt, 65, Henry W. Sawyer, conduct unbecoming; Jedediah Belangy, intemperance; 69, Wm. Askley, refusing to answer charge of drunkenness; 77, Elijah Disboro, contempt; 81, Ezra Tower, intemperance; 83, Wm. Lewis, embezzeling the funds of the Lodge; 84, Charles Torner, passing counterfeit money; 95, Isaac Smyth, contempt.

## KENTUCKY.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Fred. Rognon, intoxication; 3, C. Bowen, and J. B. Porter, intemperance; 8, Thomas Cochran, riotous conduct and immorality; 24, Allen Rich, fighting; 29, Levi Silberman and A. Davis, conduct unbecoming, and James Johnson, intoxication; 32, Milton Anderson, drunkenness; 45, W. Grayham, conduct unbecoming; 47, J. C. Hervey, conduct unbecoming; 70, Jno. Dunn, conduct unbecoming; 92, S. Gorham, drawing a gun on and using insulting language towards a brother.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, James S. Cosby, deserting his wife and adultery; 3, S. Jenkins, intemperance; 5, C. Kincil, conduct unbecoming; 6, Joseph Davis, drunkenness and profanity; 14, Edward Wilson and J. T. C. Taylor, misconduct; 17, C. Grandeman, conduct unbecoming; 24, A. Kenedy, drunkenness; 32, D. D. G. M. John R. Chainbers, swindling, lying, &c.; 36, F. D. Mum, refusing to pay his honest debts; 38, Jesse K. Baird, swindling his Lodge; 45, William Marrener, contempt; 51, F. A. Jones, gambling and conduct unbecoming; 53, Saml. T. Hampton, drunkenness; 60, N. J. Basler, (P. G.) non-compliance with contract and conduct unbecoming; 61, Horace Phelps, unbrotherly conduct towards J. B. Lejune; 67, R. H. Shanklin, general bad conduct and Joseph Doveors, drunkenness and general bad conduct; 70, Isadore Ditch, swindling; 72, B. F. Yeates, (no cause given;) 73, J. M. Bloomfield, swindling; 74, H. J. Hunry, conduct unbecoming; 79, J. F. Milton, conduct unbecoming; 85, Rev. T. F. McAllister, intention to fraud and drunkenness.

## VIRGINIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 1, John Russell and E. Murlatt, intoxication; 4, Robert Graham, intoxication; 5, Wm. Wood, drunkenness; Thomas Woodhouse, drunkenness; 7, John W. Hines, drunkenness; 10, Francis Williams, intoxication; Conrad Schlisier, intoxication; 16. Thomas Tucker, drunkenness; 32, P. G. Samuel Rinker, bad conduct; 33, Lewis Leonhard, intoxication; H. Muller, divulging; 37, George Thorp, intemperance; 40, Wm. Smallwood, drunkenness; 45, John

C. Kyle, drunkenness; 47, E. J. Link, drunkenness; 58, Martin Phillips, intoxication; John Magill, intoxication; 66, I. T. S. McCan, intoxication; 71, F. W. G. Camp, drunkenness; 73, Jordan T. Floyd, drunkenness; 75, J. B. Miles, drinking; 82, John S. McLane, intemperance; Wm. Hammer, intemperance; 83, Abylum F. Carlton, drunkenness; 86, Geo. W. Smith, fraud; 88, Wm. B. Morgon, intoxication, 94, Jos. Marsh, defaulter; 95, Wm. A. Ronald, intoxication; 97, Robert S. Ware, intoxication; 99, Patrick H. Jones, intoxication; 103, Charles F. Swart, intemperance; 104, Mordecai Smyth, intoxication, V. T. Churchman, intoxication; 105, Andrew E. Rountree and Wm. D. Savory, intoxication; 111, Luncefield Lee, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 4, S. Kanbert, drunkenness and unlawful stabbing; 5, Wm. M. Levy, misconduct; 8, M. Corby, bad conduct; 10, Edward L. Crowder, fraud; 12, Bartholemew Slade, intoxication; 16, Lewis Montague, shooting G. C. Thompson; 17, Wm. F. Norris, stealing; 25, Edward J. W. Harris, immorality; Solomon Butler, fraud; 28, John D. St. Clair, bad conduct; 30, John S. Badkins, bad conduct; 35, Joseph Keeler, habitual drunkenness; 43, Cary Thompson, cause not given; 45. John C. Kyle, bad conduct; 37, John N. Minnix, refusing to pay over balance as treasurer of Roanoke Lodge; 46, H. Carter Dorsey, cause not given; 50, Wm. T. Jones, bad conduct; 56, Jas. Ireson, Jr., intoxication; H. Gaylord, fraud; 58, Wm. P. McCorkle, contempt; 64, Q. A. Hill and W. R. Ford, bad conduct; 68, F. Johnson, defrauding Lodge as secretary; 70, John P. Ingle, bad conduct; 73, Thos. A. Norton, drunkenness; 79, Jno. W. Mackasey, maliciously shooting a brother of the Order; 82, Thomas Rail, leaving his wife destitute and going off with another woman; 83, Absolom F. Carlton, drunkenness; 88, Alexander H. Campbell, profanity; A. P. Sprinkle, fraud; 97, Geo. C. Price, defrauding Lodge; 113, Geo. J. Leib, maltreatment of his family.

## MISSISSIPPI.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 1, J. Evans, intoxication; 2, G. Wank Miller, unbecoming conduct; 6, J. B. Patten, unbecoming conduct; 10, Leopold Henry, intoxication, 25, James McCowan, contempt; 34, E. Streeter, E. J. Bailey, G. W. Russell, drunkenness; 42, Hillery Mosely, unbecoming conduct; 46, J. H. Fields, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Joseph Evans, contempt; 6, S. C. Holder, drunkenness; 9, A. Lazart, J. H. Lowry, contempt; 10, J. Cohen, fraud, Leopold Henry, intoxication; 12, John Wilson, contempt; 15, J. S. Morton, seduction; 22, S. K. Kunkill, contempt; 23, John M. Pearson, unbecoming conduct; 34, John Trunk, malicious mischief; 39, B. Woodfin, unbecoming conduct; 45, J. C. Warren, dishonesty; 47, R. C. Miller, intoxication.

## MISSOURI.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 2, Hugh Cochran, swindling; 4, Chas. Frey, dissipation, 17, H. F. Turner, false charging; 49, John J. Porter, drunkenness, W. J. Gosney, drunkenness; 51, Thomas J. Burnes, bad

conduct; 52, H. H. Bledsoe, drunkenness; 56, Granville Spurges, drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, J. Hatton, proposing an unworthy member; 4, John Babbitt, contempt; 11, E. Burritt, attempted rape; 17, J. H. Sissen, intemperance and swindling; 18, F. X. Doyon, swindling; 23, H. H. Bagnell, intoxication and disturbing Lodge; 24, H. Guibor, bad conduct; 28, Samuel L. Marshall, wilful slander; 37, Horace W. Starke, theft; 39, Charles M. Scroggins, drunkenness; 42, Carroll Wright, contempt; 48, John T. Poe, adultery; 52, Oscar J. B. Rock, swindling.

INDIANA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 3, John Morgan, intemperance; 7, J. Cupples, habitual intoxication; 10, James H. Tucker, assaulting a brother, William H. Berkshire, defaming the Order; 18, J. T. Bosworth, intoxication; 45, H. P. Allen, conduct unbecoming; 51, Wm. Gorham, neglecting his family; 61, William Kromer, P. G., for intoxication; 63, W. L. Day, bastardy; 65, L. C. Boon, drunkenness; 78, Moses Shott, gambling; 83, Green H. Nield, swindling; 92, James Dunnis, fraud; 101, Emery Simpson, not complying with his contracts and misrepresenting a brother.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 3, Perrine Carr, seduction; 7, S. G. Clifford, habitual intoxication, Henry Gumberts, conduct unbecoming, E. A. Long, conduct unbecoming; 10, Richard F. Freeman, drunkenness, Benjamin F. Conner, adultery, Daniel Tiller, intemperance and fraudulent dealing, John Briggs, defaming the Order; 17, S. S. Pickering, intoxication; 18, James M. Sharpe, intoxication, Alexander McConnell, intoxication and abuse of his family; 30, Jacob Thomas, final card annulled, (no reason given;) 31, Noah T. Bunnel, lying; 39, A. M. Goven, absconding in debt, George Dick, lewdness; 41, Peter Essecmacher, contempt; 46, Caleb Olin, habitual intoxication, Ambrose Blaney, gambling, Jeremiah P. Flinn, gambling, Henry B. Olin, P. G., absconding in debt; 53, Thos. C. Moore, conduct unbecoming; 54, S. F. Clark, habitual intoxication; 60, Jacob Primley, gambling with a negro; 62, George W. Shilly, wronging a brother; 64, W. H. Fisher, being initiated under false pretences, William R. McIntosh, counterfeiting; 69, S. S. Long, contemptuous treatment of the Lodge; 73, Ira Rose, habitual intoxication; 76, Jacob Housner, drunkenness, Daniel McKinney, deception; 78, Moses Shott, bastardy and gambling; 83, F. M. Jacobson, defrauding a brother; 90, Ezekiel Jackson, conduct unbecoming; 92, Milton Reynolds, conduct unbecoming; 93, M. Green, larceny; 95, F. A. Green, wilful lying, &c.; 102, James V. Turner, drunkenness, John W. Wade, conduct unbecoming; 110, John M. Wells, drunkenness; 115, John T. Hancock, conduct unbecoming; 118, Charles W. Hanson, seduction.

CONNECTICUT.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 7, Wm. Byfield, contempt; 24, John Lyell, drunkenness; 31, Thos. L. Sanford, lying and forgery; 35, F. N. Camp and John W. Lane, arson to defraud insurers; 59, Henry

Patterson, desertion of his family; 60, Solomon R. Lemley, drunkenness; 61. Wm. S. Nash, drunkenness and unbecoming conduct; 68, Geo. Mansfield, licentiousness; 71, Daniel R. P. Gilbert, drunkenness, John H. Cooke, Jr., malicious trespass.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 15, A. H. Hayward, dishonesty; 34, E. Warner, immoral conduct.

RHODE ISLAND.

*Suspension.*—By Lodge No. 2, Wm. Ashworth, contempt, original charge, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, Robt. MclCoy, appropriating the funds of the Lodge to his own use while treasurer; Cassimer Cook, receiving benefits from the Lodge and not being entitled to the same through immoral conduct; 11, Horatio N. Matterson, receiving money unjustly from the Lodge and refusing to return the same, Beriah S. Brown, violating the principles of the Order and treating the Lodge with contempt.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 3, A. Weiber, conduct unbecoming; 6, C. F. Bansemer, improper conduct in Lodge.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, J. J. Murrell, conduct unbecoming; 3, J. J. Lissack for lying, fraud, and conduct unbecoming; 15, V. A. Mooney, defrauding his creditors and wronging his partner in business.

TEXAS.

*Suspension.*—By Lodge No. 5, N. Bahle, unbecoming conduct.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 3, A. Kissam, defrauding the Lodge; 16, F. V. McKee, drunkenness; 26, Andrew Cole, drunkenness.

TENNESSEE.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 7, James P. Ewing, drunkenness; 30, T. H. Wade, drunkenness.

*Expulsions*—.By Lodge No. 3, J. A. Whitaker, drunkenness; 4, J. J. Short, drunkenness; 6, W. P. Lens, Christopher Stewart, Henry McCall, unbecoming conduct; 13, J. W. Barr, deserting his family; 16, Hugh S. King, drunkenness; 17, A. P. Dorrill, burning his own house; 22, V. L. Mattell, drunkenness; 30, S. H. Morris, R. C. Sherall, swindling, J. B. Billingsly, fraud; 34, J. D. Gibson, fraud; 35, A. A. Bruce, intemperance; 46, J. A. Garrison, neglect of his family; 52, W. L. Walker, improper intercourse with a brother's wife; 56, J. E. White, swindling, E. D. Hance, breach of trust, J. Q. A. Cannon, obtaining money under false pretence; 61, M. C. Dreff, swindling and stealing; 62, G. C. Gordon, intoxication; 70, J. R. Billingsly, fraud; J. W. Rains, adultery.

ALABAMA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 6, H. Rogers, adultery; 10, C. Woodall, adultery; 26, J. P. Haynes, assault with intent to kill; 29, G. P.

Scott, swindling; 33, N. C. Collins, concealing stolen property; 34, John Boast, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 39, R. R. Strawn, lying and swindling; 43, John McAllister, larceny.

WISCONSIN.

*Suspension.*—By Lodge No. 56, L. N. Lewis, contempt.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 12, Jackson Russell, conduct unbecoming and appropriating funds of the Lodge to his own use; 16, William Floyd, drunkenness; 17, E. L. Varney, defaulter as County Treasurer, L. S. Hill, defaulter as Treasurer of the Lodge; 18, T. E. Plummer, conduct unbecoming; 22, John Meyer, conduct unbecoming; 30, Erasmus D. Finny, conduct unbecoming; 32, H. H. Reynolds, conduct unbecoming; 34, Truman Parker, obtaining money of brothers under false pretences; 37, C. P. Fox, conduct unbecoming; 51, W. P. Deforrest, borrowing money upon the strength of being an Odd Fellow and not returning it.

NORTH CAROLINA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 6, John E. Bane, for contempt; 18, J. M. Piner, conduct unbecoming; 36, Evan Boner and L. F. Gerhardt, conduct unbecoming, John B. Kingsbury, drunkenness.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 51, I. Foot, conduct unbecoming; 142, O. E. Messenger, conduct unbecoming; 145, S. G. Parmenter, conduct unbecoming; 200, Thomas W. Farrington, improper conduct; 247, J. C. Trottier, conduct unbecoming; 249, Henry M. Graves, conduct unbecoming; 260, Philip Betz, embezzlement; 263, D. S. Low, misconduct; 346, Joseph Hoadhouse, drunkenness and abuse of family; 349, E. L. Bradley, heinous offence; 367, P. W. Smith, conduct unbecoming; 393, Richard L. Stone, conduct unbecoming; 399, Myron J. Diston, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Geo. Cottingham, purloining letters from P. O.; 17, Joseph F. Kingsley, adultery, John Lockrow, Jr., adultery; 18, Timothy Lyon, contempt; 25, John Seward, contempt, William Price, conduct unbecoming; 32, C. C. Griffith, repeated intoxication; 39, James W. Bland, intoxication; 44, E. P. Bly, contempt, L. E. Coon, petty larceny, William C. Carson, contempt; 51, E. E. Sisson, contempt; 53, Phineas Curtis, intemperance; 65, Augus Monroe, immorality; 69, A. Brooker, drunkenness; 73, Benjamin Fuller, contempt; 81, Lewis D. Benton, contempt, John N. Lambert, drunkenness, &c.; 82, Samuel P. Stanton, violating principles of the Order; 84, E. B. Porter, contempt; 88, Edward Thompson, contempt; 124, A. H. Burdick, immoral conduct; 179, William S. Underhill, contempt; 187, Merrit Sharp, contempt; 201, D. H. Miner, conduct unbecoming; 208, William H. Divine, contempt; 210, J. J. Pullman, adultery; 217, Wm. H. Ecker, contempt; 224, Lorenzo R. Henyon, contempt; 225, D. C. Keller, conduct unbecoming; 227, George Colvill, intemperance;

232, James L. Ketchum, contempt; 241, Bradford L. Baker, fornication; 242, J. Higgins, contempt; 243, Joseph Rookam, contempt; 251, Noah Broadwell, violating principles of the Order; 259 Thomas J. Bowen, contempt; 264, James Cummings, conduct unbecoming; 276, Peter Wedman, perjury; 277, Rama Canfield, feigning sickness, &c.; 278, Daniel Webster, contempt; 291, H. C. Kellogg, immoral conduct; 292, Spencer A. Fish, contempt; 296, Norman Hough, conduct unbecoming; 301, Oscar Whiteford, seduction; 307, A. B. Palmer, neglect of family; 309, D. B. Hurd and W. S. Jennings, contempt; 310, Benjamin Burroughs and D. H. Hanchett, contempt; 312, John S. Gowery, intemperance; 345, John Slatterly, contempt, Levi Pitts, insulting and abusive language; 348, Almun Brundige, contempt; 349, O. N. Merrills, abusing benevolence of the Order, E. J. Mason, habitual drunkenness; 354, John Dunn, fraud; 360, Simon Steinburg, contempt, John W. Deitz, defrauding brothers; 361, O. G. Youngs, running away with a brother's wife, William Johnson, improper conduct; 394, William H. Slocum, conduct unbecoming; 395, William Davis, intoxication; 397, Hiram F. Smith, retaining funds of lodge; 402, William Armstrong, contempt; 403, James Keeler, Jr., contempt; 404, Harvey Scott, violation of by-laws; 410, Harrison Slack, drunkenness, &c., Nelson Bogart, forgery, Charles W. Richards, drunkenness, &c.; 411, John Hasley, drunkenness; 412, John F. Smythe, contempt; 420, Wm. S. Smith, contempt; 422, Wm. E. Lewis, contempt; 449, Wm. G. Ellsworth, conduct unbecoming.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 4, cause and names not given.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 10, cause and names not given.

## DELAWARE.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Thos. Brown, intemperance; 3, Job Pride, intemperance; 4, Henry Franks, conduct unbecoming; 7, John A. Nicholson, contempt; 15, William B. Warrington, intemperance.

*Expulsion.*—By Lodge No. 15, Cornelius R. Wiltbank, unbrotherly treatment.

## GEORGIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 14, Geo. T. Walker, intemperance; 25, James A. Stun, drunkenness; 33, George M. Callaway, drunkenness; 35, J. R. Donegan, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 4, John M. Reinhart, dissipation; 5, John Berkner, intemperance, Geo. Horn, improper conduct; 6, H. J Smith, drunkenness; 7, Jas. Adam, drunkenness; 8, John Christopher son, gambling and defrauding brothers; 14, Wm. J. Cansey, embezzling Lodge funds; 15, George E. White, conduct unbecoming; 20, Luther C. Torrey, conduct unbecoming; 21, Arthur S. Clark, drunkenness, 24, Frederick Bryant, fraudulent treatment of brothers; 25, R. G. Lewis, vagrancy; 30, H. G. Hardison, seduction; 32, James H. Wadsworth,

immoral conduct, John Creamer, drunkenness; 33, William Markham, conduct unbecoming; 35, C. Martain, unbecoming conduct; 36, Cicero Tison, immoral conduct; 38, George W. Young, unfair dealing with a brother; 44, Goodman Zuckn, (no cause assigned,) W. W. Biman, improper conduct.

MICHIGAN.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 4, A. B. Gordon, drunkenness; 6, Jacob Compton and Henry L. Compton, defrauding brothers; 10, Hiram Forbes, adultery and desertion of family; 14, James Cheever, theft; 15, B. S. Boynton, writing slanderous anonymous letters; 23, Geo. P. Newberry, immoral conduct; 24, J. R. Rugg, intemperance; 25, John Egan, disorderly conduct; 26, Jacob Howk and Hiland Beach, conduct unbecoming; 33, M. R. Wilcox, breach of good faith towards a brother; 54, Joseph Weber, dishonesty; 57, John Cone, gambling and bigamy.

FLORIDA.

*Suspension.*—By Lodge No. 10, J. T. Magbee, immoral conduct.

*Expulsion.*—By Lodge No. 8, Thomas Herttell, refusing to deliver up the property of the Lodge.

IOWA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 5, Samuel Anderson, conduct unbecoming; 10, H. C. Saunders, betraying confidence; 42, E. M. Downs, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, M. Clark, abuse of family; 3, Jas. A. McCann, leaving his family, swindling brothers, &c.; 5, Henry O'Conner, conduct unbecoming; 20, C. C. Lewis, fraud, S. E. Atwell, deserting his family and drunkenness; 22, James R. Ewing, gambling, 23, Calvin W. Phelps, slandering brother's family and conduct unbecoming; 29, E. W. Aldrich, dishonest and dishonorable conduct; 35, Wm. H. Burge, drunkenness.

# GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

LOUISIANA.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 9, A. R. Sterling, conduct unbecoming.

MISSISSIPPI.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 4 J. Cohen, obtaining money under false pretences, Leopold Henry, habitual intoxication.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 1, R. S. Smith, by Subordinate Lodge.

## OHIO.

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 2, J. Marshall, drunkenness; 13, John S. Fulton, cause not stated.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 1, R. Marshall, drunkenness; 2, John Marshall, conduct unbecoming; 3, James Sinclair and Wm. McConnell, by Subordinate Lodge; 4, R. Minick, contempt; 6, J. R. Scroggs, by drawing final card from Subordinate Lodge and not depositing same within time limited; 8, L. Langley, by Subordinate Lodge for drunkenness; 9, Edward Sutton, by Subordinate Lodge; 11, Josiah Wilson, adultery, dishonesty and imprudent conduct, William Eckert, drunkenness and contempt; 14, David Hitchcock, by Subordinate Lodge; 22, John H. Tepee, Thomas Ross, B. S. Scudder, by Subordinate Lodge; 29, Dollin More, by Subordinate Lodge; 39, Frederick Newberg, unlawful dealing; 43, Simon Reeder, by Subordinate Lodge.

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| P. G. *A. M. Smith*, | Morris, N. Y. |
| P. G. M. C. A. Stacy, | Tecumseh, Mich. |
| P. G. *H. Steele*, | Peterboro, N. H. |
| G. M. W. L. Steele, | Rockingham, N.C. |
| P. G. *J. N. Taylor*, | Paterson, N. J. |
| P. G. M. *W. H. Tuthill*, | Tipton, Iowa. |
| P. G. M. *I. M. Veitch*, | St. Louis, Mo. |
| P. G *C. Theodore Vennigerholz*, | Vicksburg, Miss. |
| P. G. M. *D. Wilkinson*, | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| P. G. M. *W. G. Williams*, | Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| P. G. J. D. Williamson, | Mobile, Ala. |
| P. G. M. J. G. Wilson, | Geneva, Ill. |
| P. G. *C. F. Wilstack*, | Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| P. G. *M. Woodruff*,, | Columbus, Ga. |
| P. G. P. *E. K. Woodward*, | St. Louis, Mo. |
| P. G. *C. Wolford*, | Louisville, Ky. |
| P. G. *James Young*, | Baltimore, Md. |
| P. G. M. B. F. Zimmerman, | Baltimore, Md. |

## PAST GRAND SIRES.

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| P. G | Sire Thomas Wildey, | Baltimore, Md. |
| " | " Samuel H. Perkins, | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| " | " Zenas B. Glazier, | Wilmington, Del. |
| " | " John A. Kennedy, | New York, N. Y |
| " | " Howell Hopkins, | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| " | " Thomas Sherlock, | Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| " | " Horn R. Kneass, | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| " | " Robert H. Griffin, | Savannah, Ga. |
| " | " Wm. W. Moore, | Washington, D.C. |

# INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

**FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.**

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of the United States,

*Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1854.*

MONDAY MORNING, *September* 4, 1854,
9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

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| WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, - | M. W. Grand Sire. |
| HORACE A. MANCHESTER, - | R. W. D. Grand Sire. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - | R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary |
| JOSHUA VANSANT, - - - | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| JAMES M. CASSADY, - - | W. Grand Marshal. |
| SOLOMON H. LEWYT, - - | W. Grand Guardian. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - | W. Grand Messenger. |

And Representatives from twenty-one State Grand Lodges and sixteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. James Young, | Maryland. |
| P. G. James W. Hale, | Southern New York. |
| P. G. M. John W. Hodgson, | District of Columbia. |
| P. G. Charles F. Wilstack, | Ohio. |
| P. G. George W. Race, | Louisiana. |
| P. G. Joseph N. Taylor, | New Jersey. |
| P. G. Charles Wolford, | Kentucky. |
| P. G. P. A. Hackleman, | Indiana. |
| P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch, | Missouri. |
| P. G. M. H. L. Rucker, | Illinois. |
| P. G. M. Anson Jones, | Texas. |
| P. G. M. George W. Benedict, | Connecticut. |
| P. G. M. George W. Day, | Tennessee. |
| P. G. Charles H. Denison, | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter, | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. Asher S. Kellogg, | Michigan. |
| P. G. E. J. Carpenter, | Vermont. |
| P. G. M. William H. Tuthill, | Iowa. |
| P. G. R. H. Clarke, | Delaware. |
| P. G. Mathew Purdin, | California. |
| P. G. M. William Hopkins, | Northern New York. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. P. Richard Marley, | Maryland. |
| P. G. P. Peter B. Long, | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. P. Napoleon B. Mountfort, | Southern New York. |
| P. G. P. William G. Williams, | Ohio. |
| P. G. M. Edmund C. Robinson, | Virginia. |
| P. G. Henry Steele, | New Hampshire. |
| P. C. P. R. H. Barry, | Tennessee. |
| P. G. M. Daniel Wilkinson, | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. Addison M. Smith, | Northern New York. |
| P. G. E. K. Woodward, | Missouri. |
| P. C. P. Joseph Bridgman, | Iowa. |
| P. C. P. Jos. E. Hyde, | Michigan. |
| P. G. M. William Ellison, | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. M. J. G. Dunlap, | Louisiana. |
| P. G. M. L. Jones, | District of Columbia. |

The Grand Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The Chair informed the Lodge that the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, of Connecticut, was absent in consequence of a severe domestic affliction, and, with the sanction of the Lodge, appointed Rev. Bro. J. A. Massey, Representative of Alabama, Grand Chaplain pro tem.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. A. Massey, R. W. Grand Chaplain pro tem.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. Race, of Louisiana, Jones, of Texas, and English, of Pennsylvania.

The credentials of new members were presented and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with.

The question of the confirmation of the minutes of the last session being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Williams, of Ohio, the subject was laid on the table.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the several States and Jurisdictions now proceed to draw for the seats to be occupied by them during the session, and that ballots from No. 1 to 34, corresponding with the number of States and Jurisdictions represented in this body, be placed in a ballot box, and that one number be drawn for each Jurisdiction represented, commencing with the State of Maryland. The State or Jurisdiction that draws No. 1 shall be entitled to as many seats, commencing at the desk No. 1, as the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of said State is entitled to. The State or Jurisdiction which shall draw No. 2 shall occupy the necessary number of seats immediately consecutive to No. 1, and so on to No. 34.

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three members be appointed to carry into effect the above resolution.

The Chair announced Reps. Robinson, of Virginia, Steele, of New Hampshire, and Mountfort, of Southern New York, as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, and the members were seated in conformity thereto:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee appointed to superintend the drawing for the seats respectfully report that they have performed that duty, and the seats being drawn pursuant to the resolution, the States and jurisdictions drew the seats as numbered in the annexed schedule:

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| Minnesota, | 1 | Georgia, | 28, 29, 30 |
| Northern New York, | 2, 3, 4, 5 | California, | 31, 32 |
| District of Columbia, | 6, 7, 8 | Maine, | 33, 34, 35 |
| Alabama, | 9, 10, 11 | Vermont, | 36, 37 |
| Louisiana, | 12, 13, 14 | New Jersey, | 38, 39, 40 |
| Wisconsin, | 15, 16, 17 | Delaware, | 41, 42, 43 |
| Rhode Island, | 18, 19, 20 | Missouri, | 44, 45, 46 |
| South Carolina, | 21, 22, 23 | Indiana, | 47, 48, 49, 50 |
| Pennsylvania, | 24, 25, 26, 27 | Virginia, | 51, 52, 53, 54 |

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| Mississippi, | 55, 56, 57 | Michigan, | 78, 79, 80 |
| Florida, | 58 | Southern New York, | 81, 82, 83 |
| Ohio, | 59, 60, 61, 62 | Iowa, | 84, 85, 86 |
| Massachusetts, | 63, 64, 65, 66 | Texas, | 87, 88, 89 |
| Maryland, | 67, 68, 69, 70 | New-Hampshire, | 90, 91, 92 |
| Arkansas, | 71 | Connecticut, | 93, 94, 95 |
| North Carolina, | 72, 73, 74 | Kentucky, | 96, 97, 98 |
| Illinois, | 75, 76, 77 | Tennessee, | 99, 100, 101 |

E. C. ROBINSON,
HENRY STEELE,
N. B. MOUNTFORT.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted, and the members named therein were admitted to their seats:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives in due form of law, and that they are entitled to seats on this floor, viz:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. A. J. Lucas, | California. |
| P. G. Wm. H. Lamberton, | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. Isaac W. Mickle, | New Jersey. |
| P. G. Thos. T. Smiley, | Tennessee. |
| P. G. M. Amos Mathews, | Iowa. |
| P. G. M. Chas. A. Tufts, | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. E. H. Fitzhugh, | Virginia. |
| P. D. G. M. E. W. Jones, / P. G. M. Walter L. Steele, | North Carolina. |
| P. G. Joshua A. Massey, | Alabama. |
| P. G. M. Samuel Craighead, | Ohio. |
| P. G. H. S. Austin, | Illinois. |
| P. G. Henry Eckel, | Delaware. |
| P. G. M. J. Durham, | Kentucky. |
| P. G. M. Wm. A. Bell, | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. Daniel Woolsey, | Indiana. |
| P. D. G. M. Henry Bier, | Louisiana. |
| P. G. Luther J. Glenn, | Georgia. |
| P. G. R. B. Boylston, | South Carolina. |
| G. M. S. H. Bailey, | Missouri. |
| P. G. E. P. Hunt, | Texas. |
| P. G. M. James C. Ninde, | Maryland. |
| P. G. M. J. K. Connelly, | Mississippi. |
| P. G. L. A. Gobright, | District of Columbia. |
| P. G. Charles Billinghurst, | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. M. E. P. Banks, | Maine. |
| P. G. M. F. M. Brown, | Connecticut. |
| P. G. M. J. M. Wheeler, | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. M. P. C. Smith, | Alabama. |

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| P. G. M. Wm. P. Russel, - - - - | Vermont. |
| P. G. M. N. A. Thompson, vice Wm. Ingraham, resigned, | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. M. A. Froment, - - - - - | Southern New York. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. P. P. L. Cunningham, - - - | Connecticut. |
| P. G. P. A. M Foute, - - - - - | Mississippi. |
| P. G. P. C. C. Cheeney, - - - - | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. P. John A. Washington, - - - | North Carolina. |
| P. G. Henry Lambert, - - - - | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. P. Wm. Bayley, - - - - | Maryland. |
| P. C. P. I. D. Williamson, - - - | Alabama. |
| P. G. P. Daniel Moss, - - - - | Indiana. |
| P. G. P. E. H. Barry, - - - - | |
| P. G. P. Robt. C. Brown, - - - - | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. M. J. W. Pruett, - - - - - | Kentucky. |
| P. G. Isaac S. Hicks, - - - - | Illinois. |
| P. G. E. P. Hunter, - - - - - | Virginia. |
| P. G. E. C. Grannis, - - - - | Georgia. |
| P. G. F. D. Mulford, vice Wm. Gilchrist, resigned, | New Jersey. |
| P. G. M. Nathaniel F. Deering, - - - | Maine. |

The committee will report further on the remaining credentials in their hands as they are enabled to examine conflicting claims.

G. W. RACE,
ANSON JONES.

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That P. G. John L. Lewis, Jr., of Northern New York, be allowed to take a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, his certificate not having been received, the rest of the delegation from Northern New York certifying that they personally know that he was declared duly elected.

Rep. E. H. Barry, of Indiana, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following as the Standing Committees:

*Committee on State of the Order.*—Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, Gyles, of South Carolina, Deering, of Maine.

*Legislative Committee.*—Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, Glenn, of Georgia, Taylor, of New Jersey.

*Committee on Correspondence.*—Rep. Askew, of Delaware, Marley, of Maryland, Bridgman, of Iowa.

*Committee on Finance.*—Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, Smiley, of Tennessee, Billinghurst, of Wisconsin.

*Committee on Appeals.*—Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, Veitch, of Missouri, Froment, of Southern New York.

*Committee on Constitutions.*—Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, Smith, of Alabama, Wolford, of Kentucky.

*Committee on Petitions.*—Rep. Williams, of Ohio, Denham, of Florida, Mulford, of New Jersey.

*Committee on Returns.*—Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, Hopkins, of Northern New York, Rucker, of Illinois.

*Committee on Printing.*—Rep. Hodgson, of District Columbia, Dennison, of Rhode Island, Purdin, of California.

*Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.*—Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, Benedict, of Connecticut, Hunt, of Texas.

*Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.*—Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, Brunson, of Minnesota, Carpenter, of Vermont.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows, which, having been read, on motion of Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, was referred to a special committee for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to to appropriate committees :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The re-meeting of my brethren, Representatives of our widely extended charity throughout this vast continent, affords me an opportunity of imparting to them the gladsome tidings that our work goes bravely on.

The returns from the various jurisdictions and bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge show a healthful condition of the Order, both in numerical strength and in financial prosperity. But most of all do they exhibit the liberal handed charity with which the distressed of our fraternity have been aided. The last annual report exhibited a total of 2,941 Lodges, a membership of 193,030, and a revenue of $1,209,228 90, of which $491,322 12 were expended for the relief of the sick, the burial of the dead, the aid of the widowed and the education of orphans. The report to be presented at this communication will show about 3,110 Lodges; 204,000 members; $1,375,000 revenue, and $530,000 of expenditures for the benevolent purposes of our organization. Penetrating deep into the recesses of the North, and stretching northward toward the frozen regions of the Arctic Circle, as if emulous of the philanthropic efforts which science is making for the relief of the bold navigator, Sir John Franklin, and his gallant companions, from their icy prison, charity too is seeking in those far off lands to relieve and comfort suffering humanity. Following the axe of the hardy pioneer, and bearing the best principles of civilization within its bosom, charity seeketh in the westward, the opportunities of proclaiming good-will towards men. Wafted by the wings of the wind to the Isles of the South, even there charity raiseth her standard, proclaiming to the tempest-tost mariner rest from his labor and community with his brethren. Representatives, from Canada, from the Prairies of the West, from the Isles of the Pacific, charity reporteth to you of her deeds.

At the communication of 1853, sundry duties devolved upon me under the action of this Grand Lodge, and I now submit to your consideration the manner in which they have been discharged.

The grateful duty was laid upon me of procuring the portrait of a faithful, well tried, and honored member of the Order, Past Grand Sire William W. Moore. This has been done, and the portrait has met the approval of him whom it was intended to honor, and now hanging from these walls, looks upon the scenes of his labors, while to us it recalls one respected for the faithful performances of his labors, and esteemed for his many amiable qualities.

A petition for a Grand Encampment for Texas having been favorably acted upon, a charter was duly prepared and signed on the 10th of September, 1853. The return from that body shows that it has been organized and is working.

It having been referred to me to take such action towards sundry delinquent Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this body as I should deem best for the good of the Order, I consulted with our experienced Grand Secretary, relying much upon his advice in this matter. And having determined that it was more for the good of the Order to recall the erring, if possible, circulars were prepared and sent to the bodies in default, stating the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and urging a compliance with the rules for their governance. The report of the Grand Secretary will show the result of this course of action.

An irregular application for an Encampment at Sacramento city, California, was referred to me with authority to grant a charter upon proper application. Before any action could be taken, the report of the D. D. G. Sire for California was received, stating that he had granted a warrant. This course, though extremely irregular, must have arisen from the mistaken opinion of his authority entertained by the D. D. G. Sire. I would recommend that the charter be confirmed, the D. D. G. Sire having certified to the good standing of the applicants.

Appropriations for the relief of the distress under which the cities of New Orleans and Mobile were suffering at the time of the last communication of this body having been ordered, I was instructed to remit the same. This was promptly done, and the receipt of the sums so remitted acknowledged by the recipients with expressions of grateful thanks.

The application from certain Lodges in Sacramento city, for a remission of dues, having been referred to me, with power to act in the premises, notice was given to the proper persons that regular petitions should be forwarded. Petitions from Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, and Eureka Lodge, No. 4, were duly forwarded, and in accordance with the views expressed by this body the arrears of dues were remitted.

The Grand Sire and Grand Secretary being instructed "to use such coercive measures as in their judgment will most speedily secure the collection of the several amounts due by individuals to this Grand Lodge," it was determined to address the several persons in arrear, and ask a speedy payment of the amounts due by them respectively; and should such conciliatory course be unsuccessful, that this body do prefer charges against the several delinquents, and resort rather to the tribunals of the Subordinate Lodges for the disgraceful punishment

of expulsion from the Order for unworthy conduct, than appeal to the legal aid of the country for the recovery of the amounts due. The report of the Grand Secretary will show the result of the course pursued. Towards such as still are in arrear, I would recommend the plan above suggested.

This Grand Lodge having been pleased to express an interest in the efforts made for the cause of education by the establishment of an "Odd-Fellows' Female Collegiate Institute" at Rogersville, Tennessee, under the auspices of Hawkins' Lodge, No. 41, of that jurisdiction, I avail myself of the opportunity to submit herewith a copy of the last annual report of that Institute. This report speaks for itself; the large number of pupils is the best guarantee for the good conduct of the Institute, while the course of study indicates the high proficiency in education which may be there obtained. The cause of education has been repeatedly brought before this body by various propositions. The plans proposed for the establishment of an educational institution under the auspices of the Grand Lodge U. S. have thus far not been approved of; but while declining to interfere in matters which, in the judgment of Representatives, are far better left under the care of local bodies, an earnest approval of the cause has been expressed. Not without pride, therefore, can the fraternity of Odd-Fellows contrast the statistics of their educational expenses with those of the United States as exhibited in the late census returns.

The statistical tables ordered at the last communication, as a means of furnishing the proper data for a rateable proportion between dues and benefits, are particularly recommended to your attention. The able report presented at the last communication upon the subject is worthy of the most serious attention of the whole Order. Whether sufficient information is yet obtained to allow you to suggest a proper scheme for the adoption of the Order may well be doubted, yet in a matter so vitally important, it behoves this body to give due consideration to the subject.

The cessation by the Grand Lodge of British North America from its work, and the urgent appeals from various members of the Order in that jurisdiction, having induced this body to desire me to proceed to Montreal and confer with the brethren there upon the matter, and giving me ample power in the premises, I determined that the most feasable plan of action was to communicate with the several petitioners to this body, and by fixing a period for them to meet me in Montreal, I would be able the better to judge what course should be pursued. Correspondence was accordingly had, and October 14 was selected as the time. Upon that day I attended at Montreal, and having assembled the last officers of the Grand Lodge of British North America, the authority of that body was formally surrendered to me. The surrender is herewith submitted. The charter having been destroyed by a fire some two years previously, could not be delivered to me. Before accepting this surrender, an appeal was made to the officers of the Grand Lodge of British North America to resume the work of the Lodge, but their opinion being unanimously in favor of a return under

the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, accompanied with satisfactory reasons why a resuscitation under their independent organization was unadvisable, if not wholly impracticable, I deemed myself carrying out both the letter and spirit of my instructions in accepting the surrender, and receiving our Canadian brethren again under the jurisdiction of this body. After the conference just alluded to, I met in consultation brethren from various parts of Canada, delegated to meet me upon this matter. After much deliberation upon the wants of the Order in that country, I deemed it advisable to issue a proclamation declaring the surrender by the Grand Lodge of British North America of its authority, and the resumption by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the several Lodges and Encampments of British North America under its jurisdiction. A copy of the proclamation, herewith submitted for your consideration, was sent to each Lodge and Encampment in British North America, and published as largely as possible in the periodicals of the Order in the United States. In view of the great extent of territory embraced within this jurisdiction, I deemed it best to establish three districts, designated as the district of Canada West, the district of Canada East, and the district of the Lower Provinces, with a District Deputy Grand Sire for each. To P. G. Thomas Reynolds, the D. D. G. Sire for Canada West, my acknowledgements are due for his very faithful and efficient services, not alone in stimulating the Lodges already in existence within his district, but for the judgment and discretion which he manifested in matters of much delicacy relative to the Manchester Unity. His report, herewith submitted, contains the gratifying intelligence of much prosperity in his district, much zeal among the members, and the prospect of great future usefulness and success. To P. G. James MacLaren, the D. D. G. Sire for Canada East, was entrusted an almost forlorn hope, and bravely has he redeemed his trust. With a single Lodge under his jurisdiction, surrounded with a population inimical to our Order, it required upon his part both discretion and courage to maintain his post. His report, herewith submitted, shows that his little garrison has been recruited, and hopes may be entertained that from the heights of Abraham the cry of victory will yet be heard. In the Lower Provinces, far removed from communication with their brethren, and almost isolated, the energy of P. G. E. G. Fuller, the D. D. G. Sire of that district, has been infused into the Order; a new spirit has been created; zeal has taken the place of inactivity. His report, herewith submitted, shows an increase of Lodges and membership, and the prospect of still greater increase. To my worthy deputies the Order throughout Canada owes grateful acknowledgements for their efficient services, and in the day of prosperity which is breaking upon Odd-Fellowship in British North America they deserve, as they doubtless will obtain, the meed of "well done good and faithful servants."

On the 14th of October last but six Lodges were working in British North America. At this time fifteen Lodges are actively employed in carrying out our principles; one of these is a resuscitated Lodge, and eight are new. The bulk of the increase has been in the District of

Canada West. A single Encampment exists, which is located at Halifax, but a desire has been expressed for the establishment of others. The confusion and disorder arising from the cessation by the Grand Lodge of British North America has produced among the Lodges now in existence much imperfect work, and I was earnestly requested in October last to visit the Lodges then in existence, and instruct in the work. I did not think the occasion appropriate, or transcending the instructions given me by this body I should have done so; but the time has now come when a visitor, specially deputed from this Grand Lodge, should visit each Lodge and Encampment in British North America. Apart from the necessity of communicating instruction in the work, much may now be done to increase the Order. The cheering effect of a visitor from this body will give increased zeal to our brethren, raise the energies of such as flag, and draw, I doubt not, many to our side. In all of the reports submitted to you urgent solicitation is made for such a visitor, and I earnestly recommend that such a visitor be sent thither immediately upon the adjournment of this communication. And I would specially recommend that such visitor be invested with authority to collect the books now in the hands of the past officers in Montreal, and return them to the proper officer of this body.

Acadia Lodge, No. 26, at Halifax, having petitioned for a charter from this body, in lieu of that under which it was working, granted by the Grand Lodge of British North America, under the authority vested in me at the last communication, I granted the charter. To the other Lodges in that jurisdiction their former charters were confirmed, but the Lodges informed that new charters would be issued, if desired.

Warrants have been granted for the following Lodges, viz: Rose Lodge, No. 28, Amherstburg, Canada West; Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham, Canada West; Eureka Lodge, No. 30, London, Canada West; Morpeth Lodge, No. 31, Morpeth, Canada West; Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas, Canada West; Erie Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, Canada West; ——— Lodge, No. 2, Lahuini, Maui, Sandwich Islands. The petitions for these Lodges are herewith submitted, and your approval of the warrants requested.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 34, at Pictou, Nova Scotia, and Cobeynid Lodge, No. 35, at Truro, Nova Scotia, were instituted by the D. D. G. Sire of that District very recently. This course is irregular, but in view of the circumstances stated in his report, and inasmuch as proper petitions have been sent for charters, I recommend that charters be granted to these two Lodges.

In my correspondence, herewith submitted, will be found sundry letters and other communications from the Grand Master of the Canadian Order in connection with the Manchester Unity. But two points are necessary to be brought to your particular attention. The first is the allegations made by R. C. Mullen, Esq., Grand Master of the Canadian Order of Odd-Fellows in connection with the Manchester Unity, that the former members of that Order, who were seeking admission into the American Order, were indebted to the former, and asking my

aid to have the arrears due by them paid. As will be seen by the correspondence submitted, I expressly denied any claim upon me for assistance in my official capacity, while I declared my willingness as a man to have justice done. I therefore communicated with some of the more prominent members, and calling their attention to these charges, urged that what was due to the Canadian Order be paid. The replies to my letters will show the indignant denial of any indebtedness, accompanied with full statements upon the subject. This denial, accompanied with the fact that the applicants for admission into the American Order had obtained, as I was repeatedly assured, honorable discharge from their connection with the Manchester Unity, caused me to believe the allegations unfounded. That there was great excitement of feeling was quite evident, and I am induced to believe the allegations were made under this excitement.

The next topic connected with the Manchester Unity, to which your attention is invited, is the proposition submitted for an intercommunion between that organization and the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The position of this latter body has been too firmly taken to admit of any doubt upon the course proper to be pursued. And I replied that no treaty could be made until the Manchester Unity, by a return to the ancient landmarks, should remove the cause which had led to the disruption. That upon such return, and upon a proposition emanating from the authorities of the Manchester Unity being made to this body, it would be considered. I cannot but believe that the wide distance which separates the Canadian Order from the parent organization in England, and the apparently feeble tenure by which the connection is maintained, will eventually lead to a severance between the two. When this occurs, the question will be to be solved, whether the Canadian Order can maintain itself. And this body will doubtless then be called upon to decide interesting points connected therewith. Until then, the course now pursued by the Grand Lodge of the United States appears to me to be that dictated at once by independence, rectitude and policy.

During the recess of this body much correspondence has necessarily been had by me. The whole thereof is herewith submitted for your consideration. Many questions have in that time been propounded for my consideration. Believing, as I do, that the Grand Sire would transcend his authority by undertaking to reply to enquiries which should have been addressed to the State authorities, I have uniformly declined to give any opinion in answer to such questions, referring the applicant to the authorities under whose local governance he was. The rule adopted for my guidance has been, that to Grand Representatives, Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs, D. D. G. Sires, and those in office in Lodges or Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S., I was not only authorized, but bound by the duties of this office, to reply to proper questions upon the work of the Order. Such opinions as appear to me to be least settled by the adjudications of this body are particularly called to your consideration.

1. In reply to an enquiry relative to the position of a Grand Representative in a funeral procession—whether they were not entitled to precedence of members and officers of State Grand Bodies—and by whom this question should be decided, whether by the State Grand Bodies or by the G. L. U. S. —I expressed the opinion, that from the analogies presented on pages 33 of the Digest, and 1932 of the Journal, a Grand Representative is an officer of his State Grand Body, and in a procession organized within his State will occupy such position as the laws of such State point out for officers. If the procession were organized by the G. L. U. S., a Grand Representative would take position with that body, and *ipso facto*, one of precedence over the officers and members of State Bodies; and that the decision of this Grand Lodge, that a Grand Representative is an officer of his State Grand Body, has virtually declared the authority to be in State Grand Bodies of appointing a place in processions for Grand Representatives.

2. The following enquiry having been submitted to me, viz: "Is there any law regulating the time which the holder of a card that has been rejected must lay off before he can again offer it for deposit in the same State?—is it compatible with custom or usage to offer such card immediately again for deposit to the Lodge which has just refused it?—or whether that Lodge can again entertain the offer of deposite within a certain time?"—I expressed the opinion that there was no law of the Grand Lodge of the United States bearing directly thereupon, but as a general rule the matter was left to the local laws of the several State Grand Bodies.

3. In reiteration of the very decidedly expressed opinion of this Grand Lodge at its last communication, I replied to an enquiry upon that subject, that applicants for degrees must be balloted for by the Lodge open in the particular degree applied for, and that the proceedings had by Lodges when open in particular degrees for the purpose of ballot or conferring degrees, were wholly distinct from the ordinary Lodge proceedings, and were to be recorded in a distinct minute or record book.

4. Having been asked "can a Subordinate Lodge expel a member for non-payment of dues and publish him?" I gave, as my opinion, that the expulsion for such cause was governed by the local laws of the several States; that if the word publish was used in the sense of reporting to the Grand Lodge of the United States, such report was not required; if used in the sense of reporting to the State Grand Body, the laws of such body were to be the guide; if used in its popular acceptation, it appeared to me a violation of the secrecy enjoined in respect to the dealings of the members one with another.

5. The following question having been submitted to me, viz: "Is it imperative that the N. G. and V. G. of a Lodge, in possession of the books and work of the Degree of Rebekah, should have received the degree before installation into their respective offices? I conformed to the decision made by this body in 1852, and carried out the spirit of such decision by expressing as my opinion that the State Grand Body having accepted the degree and allowed it to be communicated to its

subordinates, it was the duty of the officers of the subordinates to be instructed in the work of the degree.

6. A Grand Patriarch having submitted an enquiry whether he would be authorized to issue a dispensation for a more remote Encampment to elevate to the Patriarchal Degrees an applicant, the only Encampment nearer the residence of the applicant having assented thereto.—I gave as my opinion that he was authorized to issue such dispensation.

7. The Grand Master of California having enquired as to the propriety of admitting to our Order Chinese, and allowing them to have a Lodge to work in the Chinese language, I replied that if the Chinese came under the rule requiring a belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, I could see no reason for their exclusion; as Mongolians, they appeared to me to come under the other requirements of the rule. If Lodges were established among them, such Lodges would work upon the same conditions as the law now requires of Lodges working in the German, French or other languages.

8. The Grand Master of Maryland submitted to me a certain paper, emanating from a Convention of Past Grands as representatives of their respective Subordinate Lodges, and intended to redress some alleged local grievance, with the enquiry whether such convention was not illegal. The proceedings had by this Grand Lodge upon such subject, as found on page 1076 of the Journal, allowed me to entertain no other opinion than that such convention was illegal. This opinion I expressed to the Grand Master of Maryland, but suggested to him to pursue the conciliatory course of pointing out to the members of this convention that while they were acting illegally they could not be heard, and urging upon him to provide some mode by which they could appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and have the supposed grievance quieted.

9. I gave it, in reply to an enquiry upon that point, as my opinion, that there was no law by the Grand Lodge of the United States which forbade the imposition of fines for non-attendance of members in Subordinate Lodges. But that of late years the spirit of the Order had appeared to be opposed to the policy of such fines.

10. From the members of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, through their D. D. Grand Sire, an enquiry was submitted whether the fund contributed for the building of a hall at that place could be used to pay the rent of a hall. The proceedings upon this subject to be found at page 1745 of the journal left me little doubt, and I replied that the fund being contributed for the building of a hall must be kept for that purpose.

11. To the question "What constitutes the vacation of an office in a Subordinate Lodge to which a brother may have been elected, but not installed at the regular time?" I replied that where no local law provided therefor, an installed officer did not vacate his office by non-attendance; that no rule had been laid down for an officer not installed, but should an insufficient reason be given to the installing officer for the non-attendance of an officer elect upon the installation night, the

instructions in the installation work appeared to indicate that the installing officer could require the Lodge immediately to elect an officer.

12. In connection with the above was submitted the enquiry, should the Noble Grand fail to appear for installation for some time after the regular time, upon whom would devolve the discharge of his duties and the appointment of subordinate officers? And what course a Lodge should pursue under such circumstances? Guided by the decisions to be found at pages 1068, 1443, 1475, 1511 of the journal, I gave it as my opinion that the duties devolved upon the Vice Grand, and inasmuch as the local laws of the State from which the enquiry emanated made provision for the vacation of office for non-attendance, the Lodge by analogy could treat the officer as installed, and ought to vacate his office.

Among the subjects which will occupy your attention during the present communication, will be the consideration of the constitution submitted by a committee at the last communication. The adoption of the resolutions which led to the raising of that committee seemed to indicate that a necessity existed for some change in the organic law governing this body. The plan proposed having lain over for a year, has been widely seen throughout the Order, and doubtless has met the consideration which so important a subject demands. Your intercommunion, Representatives, with your brethren and constituents during the past year, has prepared you to take action in this matter. Knowing the feeling and wants of those in whose stead you stand, you are now able to say whether any changes are wanted—if any are wanted, whether such as are proposed meet these wants—or whether the Order at large prefer that the old things should stand as they were. With great confidence I look forward to your action, feeling assured that knowing the feeling of the fraternity upon this subject, and with an eye single to carry out that feeling, the result of your deliberations will meet the acquiescence of our entire brotherhood. In full assurance that not only upon this, but upon all subjects which may be brought before you, your counsels will be guided by an earnest desire to promote the great object of our association, and your deliberations be tempered with the spirit of brotherly love, permit me to express the hope that upon returning from your labors your constituents and brethren may say, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE, *Grand Sire.*

The Chair named Reps. Steele, of North Carolina, Dunlap, of Louisiana, and Smith, of Northern New York, as the committee. On motion of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, that two thousand copies of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire be printed for the use of the Representatives,

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "two thousand," and inserting "three thousand," which was adopted, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge will meet daily at 9 o'clock, A. M., take a recess for half an hour at 12 o'clock, M., and adjourn at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

And will hold an evening session after to-day at 7 o'clock.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri?" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock, be assigned for the taking up of the new Constitution, and that it be made the order of the day, at that hour, on each succeeding day until disposed of.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause fifteen hundred copies of the daily journal to be printed, and to place one copy thereof on the table of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger have placed daily on the desk of each Representative fourteen copies of the daily journal, in wrappers, in form for mailing, and that he be hereby authorized to pay the postage on all documents placed in his hands that are printed by the authority of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, the reading of which, on motion of Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, was dispensed with. It is as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Grand Corresponding Secretary begs very respectfully to submit his usual annual report. At the last session various duties were devolved upon him to be performed during the recess, all of which, it is believed, are embraced within the subjoined resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Grand Sire Wm. W. Moore, for the industry, dignity, and ability with which he discharged the important duties of the office of Grand Sire during his term of office, and that this resolution be embodied in a Diploma, to be signed by the officers and members of this Grand Lodge.—*Journal* 1853, *page* 2102.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge.—*Ibid*, 2106.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the new Journal of Proceedings to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge, and also one copy to each Grand Body under this jurisdiction.—*Ibid*, 2106.

4. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be and are hereby directed to have printed, and to furnish to each Grand Body under this

jurisdiction, blank forms of the statistical report to the number of three for each Subordinate under their respective jurisdictions.—*Ibid*, 2164.

5. That the Grand Secretary shall take charge of the department of vital statistics, and collate, preserve, and arrange the same, and report thereon at each annual session of this Grand Lodge; embodying the aggregate results, with such suggestions as he may deem necessary and advantageous to the Order.—*Ibid*, 2164.

6. *Resolved*, That the R W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to publish an advertisement in one daily newspaper in the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Cincinnati, inviting proposals for the printing of this body, as follows, said advertisement to be issued on or before the first Monday of July:

For composition—plain, figure work, and rule and figure work, per 1000 ems; including the furnishing of stereotype plates, of size uniform with the Journal of Proceedings, from new type.

Press work, per token, of 16 octavo pages, for the printing of 8,000 copies; also, price for additional copies, per token.

Folding, stitching, and trimming, in good paper covers, per 100 copies.

Also, for printing odes, as now required. Specimens of paper, with prices marked thereon, to accompany each proposition.—*Ibid*, 1852, *page* 1932.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be and they are hereby instructed to use such coercive measures as in their judgment will most speedily secure the collection of the several amounts due by individuals to this Grand Lodge; and that they be authorized to compromise any or all of said claims in such manner as they may think proper.—*Ibid*, 2157.

8. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to have the Degree of Rebekah translated and printed in the German language, and that said work be furnished to Lodges at the same rate as the English edition.—*Ibid*, 2176.

9. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed, in making out the list of members of this Grand Lodge for publication with the permanent proceedings, to specify the post-office of each member.—*Ibid*.

10. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the work in the French language as soon as practicable transmitted to such Grand Bodies as have Subordinates working in that language under their respective jurisdictions at the same price as charged for the work in the other languages.—*Ibid*, 2178.

11. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge present to the Library of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association, of this city, (Philadelphia) one set of bound copies of its printed Journal.—*Ibid*, 2107.

12. That the Grand Secretary cause copies of the proceedings touching the death of the following P. G. Representatives to be forwarded to the families of the respective deceased, and to the Grand Bodies of which they were members, viz:

P. G. M. D. Churchhill, P. G. Rep. Richard Williams, and P. G. Rep. Mark P. Taylor, of Ohio; P. G. M. William Mathews, of Kentucky; P. G. Rep. Walter French, of New Hampshire; P. G. M. John Chester, of Michigan.—*Ibid*, 2106, 2107, 2124, 2168.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to transmit to the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, as early as practicable after the adjournment of the present session, a copy of the resolutions prescribing the following form of certificate, to be endorsed upon travelling cards:

"This certifies that the constitution and by-laws of the within named Lodge or Encampment allows for weekly benefits the sum of.....dollars per week, and for funeral benefits the sum of..... dollars; and that brother.....is entitled to the said benefits from the date of the within card until the expiration of the same."—*Ibid*, 2151.

14. *Resolved*, That the R. W. G. Secretary be directed to furnish to each member of this Grand Body one copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the present session so soon as printed.—*Ibid*, 2167.

15. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to draw upon the Treasurer in favor of the widow of the artist who prepared the daguerreotypes for the diagrams for the sum of ninety-six dollars.—*Ibid*, 2178.

The first resolution was carried into effect at an early day after the adjournment of the last session.

The second and third resolutions have been complied with; the number of copies of the Revised Journal presented as directed by the resolution to Grand Representatives and Grand Bodies, amount to one hundred and twenty-seven.

Blank forms of reports for vital statistics, in conformity with the fourth and fifth resolutions, were printed immediately after the close of the last session, and furnished as directed to the number of three for each Subordinate to the various Grand Bodies. In view of the great importance of that subject, the undersigned accompanied the distribution of this document with a circular letter earnestly commending it to the serious attention of the brotherhood, a copy of which circular is herewith annexed. I regret, however, to state, that the reports received at this office have been comparatively but few in number, and for the most part imperfect in form. The very limited material returned in response to the resolution may be attributed it is believed in a great measure to the *modus operandi* prescribed by the resolution.

The statistical information required from the Subordinate Lodges embraces much matter of which the Lodges have no record whatever, and the obtaining of which necessarily imposes a considerable amount of labor upon each Lodge, and some expense. This labor is devolved upon the Secretary, an officer whose duties are already arduous, and, although for the most part unrequited, are cheerfully performed in view of the incumbent's just expectation of advancement in his Lodge.

The statistics contemplated by the resolution, embracing, as they do, great detail and circumstance, require to be properly compiled and arranged by that officer much of his time, and to expect such service as a voluntary offering to this cause is, it is believed, alike unreasonable and hopeless.

The resolution also contemplates that, when the information required shall have been obtained and digested, duplicate reports shall be made by each Lodge, one copy to be retained in the office of the State Grand Secretary, and the other to be forwarded by him to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In the large jurisdictions where the number of Lodges reach several hundred, beside the great labor of obtaining the statistics, is thus superadded the duty of making several hundred copies of these detailed reports, without any compensation to the officer. It seems therefore to the undersigned, that it were hopeless to expect under the present form of the law any general compliance with its provisions.

If the subject shall continue to receive the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, it is respectfully suggested that legislation of a more practical character is necessary to render it effective. The Grand Lodge should make suitable appropriations of money for the perfor-

mance of the labor attendant upon the collection of such a volume of statistics, as is necessarily required to render the system contemplated perfect and accurate, without which it is conceded it can be of no value to the Order.

The undersigned is fully impressed with the importance of the subject, and whilst he regrets the meagerness of the reports received, he has not been disappointed in his expectations of the result. Under proper legislation, nevertheless, he believes, in time, with energy and perseverance, success may be obtained; but under no circumstances without an expenditure of money. The fewness of the returns received renders it useless to attempt any report at the present session. Should it be deemed advisable by the Grand Lodge to legislate anew upon this subject, the undersigned respectfully suggests that the statistical tables be made returnable by the Subordinate Bodies to the Grand Secretaries or Scribes, as the case may be, of each State, to be by them collated, and the aggregates reported; otherwise, should reports be brought in from some three thousand five hundred Subordinate Bodies to this office, upon the eve of the annual session, all of which are to be "collated and arranged and reported upon by the Grand Secretary, embodying the aggregate results, with such suggestions as he may deem necessary and advantageous to the Order," it will be indispensably necessary either to appoint as a distinct officer an actuary, or to authorize the Grand Secretary to employ assistance. To subject over three thousand such detailed reports to such an examination and analysis as will be imperatively necessary to make available results, will be a work which cannot be performed in haste, or in a short space of time. Should the Lodge deem it expedient to pursue this investigation, the undersigned would suggest the appointment of an actuary, to whose exclusive charge the subject should be committed. The returns received are herewith reported.

In obedience to the sixth resolution, the Corresponding Secretary caused an advertisement to be inserted in one daily newspaper published in the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Cincinnati, inviting proposals for the printing of the Grand Lodge before the first Monday in July, and specifying as therein directed the character of the work to be proposed for. The proposals received are herewith submitted under seal.

The seventh resolution is a re-enactment of a law which has existed for several years, and has relation to the collection of the outstanding debts due by D. D. G. Sires. Every effort has been made during the recess to obtain settlements of these claims, and I regret to say, with but little success. The accounts were made out and sent to the Grand Secretaries of the States in which the delinquents respectively reside, with a respectful request that they would assist in the collection of this debt. No return has been made, except in one instance, in which the debt has been partially discharged.

As directed by the eighth resolution, the Degree of Rebekah has been translated into the German language and printed. The translation was committed to a brother of the city of Baltimore fully com-

petent to the task, and is represented to be well performed. The cost of translation, ($25,) and of printing an edition of five hundred copies, ($52,) has been paid. The resolution directs the sale of this work at the same price as the English work, at which rate, from the limited demand, it will prove an unproductive investment.

The ninth resolution, in so far as the means were within my reach, has been complied with.

The translation and printing of the work into the French language, heretofore committed to the Louisiana delegation, has been received, and in conformity with the resolution of the last session, the sum of $600 has been paid therefor. This translation possesses great merit, and the printing is creditable to the contractor. The thanks of the Lodge are due to the Louisiana delegation for their prompt attention to this duty, so cheerfully undertaken, accompanied as it was with much responsibility, and imposing a no inconsiderable tax upon their time. The undersigned acknowledges his indebtedness to Grand Reps. Crickard and Dunlap for their especial attention to the packing and transmission of the work to Baltimore. The Subordinate work was received on the 27th day of January, and immediately distributed. I regret to report that this work, although forwarded by Adams & Co.'s express, believed to be the safest channel of conveyance in use, was very much damaged by water on its way to this city, so much so as to require, for the most part, breaking up into sheets, drying, restitching, and rebinding. Upon receipt of this work, thus damaged, the undersigned immediately addressed a letter to Grand Rep. Dunlap, requesting him to effect insurance on the Encampment work before its transmission, which was accordingly done. The Encampment work has since been received in sheets in good order, and has been bound in this city. The tenth resolution also directs the sale of this work at the same price charged for the English work. The same remark made in relation to the German work applies to the price of the French work; the limited demand for which makes the investment unproductive at the rate prescribed.

In conformity to the eleventh resolution, a copy of the Revised Journal was presented to the Library of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association of Philadelphia.

The twelfth resolution has been complied with.

A copy of the resolution passed at the last session, touching the endorsement upon travelling cards, together with the form of certificate prescribed, was transmitted at an early day to each of the Grand Bodies. In view of the necessity for a new travelling card plate, the present one being nearly worn out by use, the undersigned embodied the form of certificate referred to in a draft prepared for a new plate, and transmitted the same to P. G. S. Kennedy, of New York, with a request that he would contract on behalf of the Grand Lodge for a new plate after the manner of the draft sent, and cause a proof to be returned to this office at as early a day as practicable. I am as yet without advice from that brother of the progress of this work. This form of travelling card will fully gratify the law, and save much labor

to the State Grand Officers in making the endorsement in manuscript provided for by the resolution.

The fourteenth and fifteenth resolutions have been both carried into effect.

Two resolutions, the one submitted by Rep. Williams, of Ohio, the other by Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, proposing a reduction in the price of supplies, were referred to the Committee on Finance, and a report was made by that committee favorable to these propositions, accompanied with a resolution to reduce the supplies from and after the first day of July, 1854. The printed journal does not show any proceeding upon the report, and the opinion generally prevails that the report and resolution were adopted. The undersigned cannot verify the correctness of the journal, yet he believes the passage of the resolution to have been highly improbable, from the fact that the report of the committee in manuscript was placed in the hands of the printer, and never afterwards reached the Lodge either in print or manuscript. The opinion that the resolution passed is doubtless based upon the general desire to pass it, and the idea that every report was acted upon. If, however, the Secretary be in error, and the report was acted upon in its absence, upon the verbal representation of the chairman of the committee, as is by some supposed, then the Lodge will direct the journal to be amended, and the price of supplies after the first of July to conform to the law.

By a resolution of the session of 1852, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to obtain a new seal and press for the use of his office. This work was contracted for in 1853, and was not completed at the last session. I have to report that it has been received, and is now in use. A copy of the impression made is herewith annexed, which cannot be surpassed, if equalled, by any work of the character in this country. The artist employed, Edward Stabler, of Sandy Spring, Montgomery county, Maryland, has long enjoyed the reputation of being at the head of his profession in this particular department, and has generally received the patronage of the Government in furnishing seals for the various public offices. In the construction of the seal of the Grand Lodge he has brought out fully every feature of the design, which by the aid of the press is most beautifully transferred.

The annual reports of the State Grand Bodies have not been received in time to enable the Corresponding Secretary to make a satisfactory abstract of the condition and progress of the Order during the past year. The following general statement is made up almost exclusively from the correspondence of the office and private sources.

*British North America.*—The condition of the Order in this jurisdiction was committed by resolution of the last session to the M. W. Grand Sire, with authority to reorganize it. That distinguished officer made a visit to that country soon after the adjournment, and had the happiness to succeed in infusing new life and energy into the brotherhood in many parts of the jurisdiction. For details, reference is directed to the report of the M. W. Grand Sire. I have great pleasure in adding to that report, that since the reorganization of the Order in

the Canadas, and its return to the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Lodges at work have prospered.

*Michigan.*—It is gratifying to report that the Order continues to increase and to advance its usefulness in this State.

*Vermont.*—The Order in Vermont maintains a healthy existence.

*Maine.*—Since the adjustment of the finances of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction a better interest has been secured for the Order, and a new impetus has been given to Odd-Fellowship.

*Massachusetts.*—Odd-Fellowship in this Commonwealth maintains itself in its usual vigor, and the Order, if quietly, nevertheless effectively performs its mission everywhere throughout its borders.

*New Hampshire.*—This jurisdiction is in a highly prosperous condition.

*Rhode Island.*—In no part of the Union does Odd-Fellowship maintain a firmer footing than in this State.

*Connecticut.*—Advices from Connecticut continue to represent the Order to advance, and enjoy a high degree of prosperity.

*Southern New York.*—I regret to report that the Order has evinced a debility in this jurisdiction for a year or two past, from which it has not yet wholly recovered. This is, however, not the effect of a falling off in the strength of the Order in the State, but is rather the result of the greater field and success of the Northern jurisdiction.

*Northern New York.*—This Grand Body continues to prosper, and to extend her sphere of action to every part of her jurisdiction.

*Pennsylvania.*—Odd-Fellowship in Pennsylvania is still on the advance. The Lodges now number over five hundred, and the membership falls but little short of fifty thousand. The revenue of the past year reached $250,000, of which $114,508 was expended in relief. The Encampment branch is equally prosperous.

*New Jersey.*—The annual session of the Grand Lodge, held at Patterson, August 2, was numerously attended, and "The Order is represented to be in a flourishing condition, harmony reigning supreme throughout the jurisdiction."

*Delaware.*—Odd-Fellowship is everywhere healthful and increasing in this State.

*Maryland.*—Odd-Fellowship is in no part of our jurisdiction more prosperous. Odd-Fellows' Halls adorn every considerable town and village of the State, and the brotherhood continues to swell its numbers.

*District of Columbia.*—The annual report from this jurisdiction shows a prosperous state of the Order.

*Virginia.*—Odd-Fellowship continues to progress in Virginia. The increase of the Order in both branches has been considerable.

*North Carolina.*—I have no especial advice from this jurisdiction, and am not yet in receipt of the annual report; the amount of supplies required during the year indicates a progressive state of the Order.

*South Carolina.*—The annual report of the highly efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction has been as usual received in good time.

The Order has increased in the State; enjoys perfect harmony within its own borders, and the good opinion of the community at large.

*Georgia.*—The brotherhood in this jurisdiction are earnestly and effectively, yet quietly carrying forward the mission of Odd-Fellowship, and, although the Order has not had much accession in the State, it maintains a vigorous and healthful existence.

*Florida.*—The Order advances in this jurisdiction, and if slowly, yet healthfully.

*Mississippi.*—A recent communication from the efficient Grand Secretary of this State informs me of the gradual advance of the Order in this jurisdiction.

*Alabama.*—The Order continues to increase in this State, and enjoys uninterrupted harmony.

*Louisiana.*—The annual report of the Grand Lodge shows an increase of Lodges in the State. The prevalence of sickness in that jurisdiction has reduced the membership during the past year. The Order is nevertheless no where more vigorous.

*Missouri.*—In no part of the jurisdiction does Odd-Fellowship advance with steadier steps than in Missouri. The highest prosperity has for years characterized the administration of Odd-Fellowship in this State, and its Grand Secretary, brother I. M. Veitch, has long been among the most zealous and efficient correspondents of this office. The Grand Lodge is in debt to this brother for valuable aid to the Corresponding Secretary in facilitating remittances of books and papers to the jurisdiction of New Mexico.

*Illinois.*—A very large amount of supplies has been furnished to this jurisdiction, which indicates a high degree of prosperity. In the absence of other information, this may be relied upon as good evidence of the progress of the Order.

*Indiana.*—In this State the advance of the Order has been co-extensive with its rapid progress during the year 1853. The corner-stone of an Odd-Fellows' Hall was laid with ceremony at Indianapolis during the present summer. At the recent session of the Grand Lodge charters were granted for ten new Lodges. The Patriarchal branch of the Order is equally flourishing; four new Encampments were created at the late session of the Grand Encampment, whose jurisdiction now numbers forty-three Subordinates.

*Ohio.*—A large accession of Lodges has been made to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of this State, viz: Fifty-three, and nearly three thousand initiates have been added to the membership. The revenue of the year amounted to $118,921 06; the amount expended in relief $40,667 87. Bro. Alex. E. Glenn, the efficient Grand Secretary of this State, writes as follows: "The pecuniary condition of the Lodges is very gratifying. Peace and harmony and fraternal feeling prevail throughout the jurisdiction; in fine, we are progressing in a way which rejoices all hearts devoted to our beloved institution."

*Kentucky.*—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has been received in good season. There has been an increase of Lodges and membership in the State. The Grand Encampment has

added three new Subordinates to its jurisdiction within the past year, with a corresponding increase of membership.

*Tennessee.*—I learn from a distinguished brother of this jurisdiction "that the Order is rapidly advancing in the State. The opposition at one time formidable has in a great measure given way to more enlightened opinions; the brotherhood has by its quiet offices of benefaction acted out its full vindication."

*Arkansas.*—Our brethren in this distant State continue to care for the Order with their accustomed zeal. The Lodges are doing well, and the Encampments are regular and prompt in their reports.

*Wisconsin.*—The Order is prosperous in Wisconsin. The annual report is not yet in, but private advices assure me of the healthy progress of the Order in the State.

*Iowa.*—Odd-Fellowship continues to progress in this jurisdiction. An application has been made for the revival of the charter of State Encampment of this State, which body has been for some time defunct, the application, together with the correspondence, is herewith reported.

*Texas.*—Grand Secretary Hunt, of this jurisdiction, continues his valuable correspondence with this office, and represents the Order to be highly prosperous in both branches throughout the State.

*California.*—Odd-Fellowship in California has had a rapid career. The Grand Lodge is now entitled to two Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, both of whom are chosen, and will be present at the annual communication. The M. W. G. M., John F. Morse, under date of July 29th, informs me that "it affords him almost unspeakable pleasure to assure me of the rapid progress of the Order, and especially to report that in no State is there a greater desire evinced to practice the work correctly and to exalt the fraternity."

*Minnesota.*—I am in receipt of the annual report of D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts, transmitting the returns of the Encampments and dues of Lodges prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; this worthy officer represents the Encampment to be doing well.

*Sandwich Islands.*—Excelsior Lodge has reported during the year, and is enjoying a prosperous career. Some correspondence has been had with this Lodge touching the application of the fund contributed for building an Odd-Fellows' Hall at Honolulu; for details of which reference may be had to the M. W. Grand Sire's report. A warrant has been issued by order of the Grand Sire for a Lodge to be located at Maui, one of these Islands. A warrant has also been granted for Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, at Honolulu.

*Oregon.*—D. D. G. Sire E. M. Barnum continues his efficient direction of the Order in Oregon. During the year he has supplied interesting accounts of the healthful increase of the Order within his jurisdiction. Warrants for Oregon Lodge, No. 3, and Lodge No. 4, have been issued during the year.

*New Mexico.*—The brotherhood in New Mexico, in the month of June last, laid the corner-stone of an Odd-Fellows' Hall, at Santa Fe. Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, and Paradise Lodge, No. 2, at Santa Fe, are highly prosperous. Bugle Lodge, No. 3, at Fort Union, has ceased to

meet, and tendered a surrender of its charter during the past year, which the Grand Sire declined to receive. An application has been made for a charter for a new Lodge to be composed of the membership generally of Bugle Lodge; information upon which subject the Grand Sire will doubtless report.

Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, at Santa Fe, is represented to be in a prosperous condition.

An application has been received for special dispensation to exalt scarlet members at or near Fort Union, preparatory to an application for an Encampment warrant; this application was referred to the Grand Sire, and by him refused, upon grounds which will be reported by that officer.

Warrants have been issued during the year, with the approbation of the M. W. G. Sire, as follows:

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Oregon Lodge, No. 3, Oregon city, Oregon.
——— Lodge, No. 4, Albany city, Oregon.
——— Lodge, No. 2, Maui, Sandwich Islands.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

These applications, together with the returns, so far as received, are herewith presented.

As required by the several laws regulating this department, the following statement exhibits "the receipts of this office, from what source, and for what object," during the fiscal year 1853–54. A supplementary table will be submitted during the session, showing the further receipts of the Corresponding Secretary from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive. The several amounts, in obedience to the provision on that subject, have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Sec'ry for the fiscal year* 1853–4.

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853, Sept. 7, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | Cards. | $30 00 | 1 |
| " 16, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 25 00 | 1 |
| " 16, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 10 00 | 1 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 1 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 2 |
| Oct. 3, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 30 00 | 3 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 3 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 5 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 6 |
| " 31, | Oregon City Lodge, No. 3, Oregon..... | " | 4 00 | 6 |
| Nov. 2, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 50 00 | 7 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 8 |
| " 11, | Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico..... | " | 3 50 | 8 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 20 00 | 8 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 50 00 | 8 |
| Dec. 15, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 10 00 | 9 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 22 00 | 9 |
| 1854. Jan. 3, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 100 00 | 10 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 10 00 | 11 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 12 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 10 00 | 13 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas..... | " | 4 00 | 13 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 100 00 | 13 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of Massachusetts... | " | 40 00 | 13 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 50 00 | 14 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 200 00 | 14 |
| " 31, | Lodge No. 4, Oregon..... | " | 2 40 | 14 |
| Feb. 1, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 40 00 | 14 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 50 00 | 14 |
| " 3, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 40 00 | 14 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Kentucky..... | " | 20 00 | 15 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York ... | " | 50 00 | 15 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 148 00 | 15 |
| Mar. 4, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 100 00 | 16 |
| " 6, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.... | " | 2 00 | 17 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 60 00 | 17 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 50 00 | 17 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 18 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 90 00 | 19 |
| April 1, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 15 00 | 20 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 11 30 | 20 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 20 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 130 00 | 22 |
| May 3, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 96 00 | 24 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 70 00 | 24 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 18 00 | 24 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 25 |
| June 6, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 50 00 | 26 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 22 00 | 27 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 44 00 | 27 |
| July 8, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 28 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 29 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Maine ..... | " | 4 00 | 29 |
| Aug. 1, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 10 00 | 31 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 31 |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854. Aug. 4, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | Cards. | 120 00 | 31 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi ..... | " | 30 00 | 31 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 70 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 30 00 | 33 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 10 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 10 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 150 00 | 34 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... ... | " | 220 00 | 35 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 120 00 | 36 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 100 00 | 37 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 20 00 | 38 |
| | | | $3,831 20 | |
| 1853 Sept. 14, | By cash, Revised Journal..... | Books. | 12 00 | 1 |
| " 16, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 6 00 | 1 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 2 |
| " 24, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 12 00 | 2 |
| " 29, | G H. Estes, of New Mexico..... | " | 6 00 | 3 |
| Oct. 3, | James Pearsons of Virginia..... | " | 6 00 | 3 |
| " 30, | James Fish of Ohio..... | " | 6 00 | 6 |
| " 30, | Hebron Encampment, Virginia..... | " | 6 00 | 6 |
| " 30, | Oregon City Lodge, No. 3. ..... | " | 6 00 | 6 |
| Nov. 2, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 10 00 | 7 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 5 00 | 8 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 40 00 | 8 |
| " 11, | Encampment No. 2, New Mexico..... | " | 6 50 | 8 |
| " 11, | Cash, Revised Journal..... | " | 6 00 | 8 |
| " 26, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 9 |
| Dec. 3, | G. W. Cassady, of New Jersey..... | " | 8 00 | 9 |
| " 17, | Hugh Arters, of Pennsylvania..... | " | 6 00 | 9 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 38 00 | 9 |
| 1854. Jan. 3, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 50 00 | 10 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 2 00 | 11 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 11 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 11 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 15 00 | 11 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 42 00 | 11 |
| " 17, | Frostburg Lodge, Maryland..... | " | 3 00 | 13 |
| " 19, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 24 00 | 13 |
| " 19, | Potomac Lodge, Maryland..... | " | 6 00 | 13 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 5 00 | 13 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas..... | " | 16 00 | 13 |
| " 25, | Tuscarora Lodge, Virginia..... | " | 6 00 | 13 |
| " 28, | Cash for Annual Index..... | " | 2 00 | 14 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 220 00 | 14 |
| Feb. 1, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 40 00 | 14 |
| " 1, | Grand Encampment of Texas..... | " | 50 00 | 14 |
| " 3, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 48 00 | 14 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Kentucky..... | " | 30 00 | 15 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 24 00 | 15 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 00 06 | 15 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 17 00 | 15 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 35 00 | 15 |
| " 23, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | " | 8 00 | 15 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854. Feb. 25, | R. F. Hunt, of District of Columbia.... | Books. | 2 00 | 15 |
| " 27, | Wm. Larmour, of Maryland..... | " | 6 00 | 15 |
| " 28, | Alfred Mudge of Massachusetts..... | " | 5 00 | 15 |
| Mar. 1, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 80 00 | 15 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 6 00 | 17 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 10 00 | 17 |
| " 13, | John C. Lyford, of New Hampshire..... | " | 6 00 | 17 |
| " 13, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 36 00 | 17 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 1 00 | 17 |
| " 14, | Eastern Lodge, No. 7, D. C..... | " | 1 00 | 17 |
| " 29, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 19 |
| April 1, | H. L. Dickenson, of New Mexico..... | " | 6 00 | 20 |
| " 3, | A. Cowan, of New York..... | " | 6 00 | 20 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 26 00 | 20 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 18 00 | 21 |
| " 5, | Grand Encampment of N. New York.... | " | 2 00 | 21 |
| " 7, | Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 86, Maryland.... | " | 6 00 | 21 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 32 00 | 21 |
| " 11, | United Brothers Lodge, Alabama..... | " | 6 40 | 22 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 6 00 | 22 |
| " 13, | P. G. Itz, of Virginia..... | " | 1 00 | 22 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 13 08 | 22 |
| " 21, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 36 00 | 23 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 40 00 | 23 |
| " 27, | Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon..... | " | 2 00 | 23 |
| May 1, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 130 00 | 23 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 4 00 | 24 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 80 00 | 24 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 12 00 | 26 |
| " 22, | Mechanics Lodge, Maryland..... | " | 6 00 | 26 |
| June 6, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 40 00 | 26 |
| " 9, | Metropolitan Lodge, Ohio..... | " | 7 00 | 27 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 8 00 | 27 |
| " 22, | Templar Lodge, Pennsylvania..... | " | 2 00 | 27 |
| " 28, | John Winterbottom, of Pennsylvania.... | " | 1 00 | 28 |
| July 8, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 8 00 | 28 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 16 00 | 29 |
| " 18, | Franklin Lodge, Virginia..... | " | 6 00 | 29 |
| " 19, | Independence Lodge, Maryland..... | " | 1 00 | 30 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Alabama..... | " | 10 00 | 30 |
| " 20, | M. Richard Muckle, of Pennsylvania.... | " | 6 00 | 30 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 4 00 | 31 |
| Aug. 5, | G. W. Mowbray, of Maryland..... | " | 1 00 | 31 |
| " 10, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 79 00 | 32 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 8 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 40 00 | 33 |
| " 12, | C. C. Baker, of New York..... | " | 6 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 40 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 3 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 32 00 | 34 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 174 00 | 35 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 97 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 50 00 | 37 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 24 00 | 37 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854. Aug. 19, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | Books. | 00 60 | 38 |
| " 23, | C. H. Denison, of Rhode Island..... | " | 6 00 | 39 |
| " 24, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 4 00 | 39 |
| | | | $2,231 64 | |
| 1853. Oct. 31, | Oregon City Lodge, No. 3, Oregon..... | Charters. | 30 00 | 6 |
| " 31, | ——— Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu... | " | 30 00 | 6 |
| Nov. 11, | Anson Jones Encampment, No. 4, Texas. | " | 30 00 | 8 |
| " 11, | Huntsville Encampment, No. 6, Texas.. | " | 30 00 | 8 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Texas..... | " | 30 00 | 8 |
| " 11, | Artillery Encampment, No. 2, N. M..... | " | 30 00 | 8 |
| 1854. Jan. 31, | ——— Lodge, No. 4, Oregon. ..... | " | 30 00 | 14 |
| Aug. 18, | Eastern Star Lodge, No. 34, Nova Scotia. | " | 30 00 | 37 |
| " 18, | Cobeynid Lodge, No. 35, Nova Scotia... | " | 30 00 | 37 |
| " 25, | Brantford Lodge, No. .., C. W..... | " | 30 00 | 39 |
| | | | $300 00 | |
| 1853. Sept. 7, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | Balance. | 20 00 | 1 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 6 00 | 1 |
| 1854, Oct. 8, | Grand Encampment of Maine..... | " | 241 15 | 4 |
| Mar. 11, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 1 00 | 17 |
| April 15, | James Thorington, of Iowa..... | " | 11 75 | 22 |
| Aug. 11, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 12 00 | 32 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 3 00 | 34 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 6 00 | 38 |
| | | | $300 90 | |
| 1853. Sept. 7, | Ancilla Encampment, Florida..... | Dues. | 19 00 | 1 |
| " 7, | Lodges in Oregon Territory..... | " | 64 90 | 1 |
| " 22, | Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu..... | " | 15 40 | 1 |
| Dec. 17, | Rio Grande Encampment, Texas..... | " | 3 15 | 9 |
| 1854. Feb. 1, | Lone Star Encampment, Texas..... | " | 1 15 | 14 |
| " 1, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 28 69 | 14 |
| " 2, | Bugle Lodge, No. 3, New Mexico..... | " | 21 10 | 14 |
| " 3, | Ancilla Encampment, Florida..... | " | 5 60 | 14 |
| " 28, | Ascutney Encampment, Vermont..... | " | 1 00 | 15 |
| " 28, | Green Mountain Encampment, Vermont. | " | 3 06 | 15 |
| Mar. 6, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.... | " | 31 10 | 17 |
| Apr. 15, | Fort Smith Encampment, Arkansas..... | " | 8 00 | 22 |
| " 27, | Cheneketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon..... | " | 31 00 | 23 |
| " 27, | Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon..... | " | 50 60 | 23 |
| May 10, | Ridgely Encampment, New Mexico..... | " | 32 08 | 25 |
| July 12, | Fort Smith Encampment, Arkansas..... | " | 13 25 | 29 |
| " 12, | Eagle Encampment, Arkansas..... | " | 21 00 | 29 |
| " 22, | Rio Grand Encampment, Texas..... | " | 3 40 | 30 |
| Aug. 23, | Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota..... | " | 17 23 | 39 |
| " 23, | St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota..... | " | 19 70 | 39 |
| " 23, | John G. Potts' Lodge, No. 3, Minnesota. | " | 18 01 | 39 |
| " 23, | Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Minnesota..... | " | 18 50 | 39 |
| " 23, | Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota. | " | 5 98 | 39 |
| | | | $432 90 | |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853. Sept. 16, | A. E. Glenn, of Ohio..... | Diplomas. | $1 00 | 1 |
| " 29, | J. J. Davies, of Southern New York.... | " | 10 00 | 3 |
| Nov. 2, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 12 00 | 7 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 1 00 | 7 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 2 00 | 8 |
| 1854. Jan. 23, | A. E. Glenn, of Ohio..... ... | " | 1 00 | 13 |
| Mar. 13, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 17 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 10 00 | 17 |
| Apr. 21, | Hobah Encampment, Louisiana..... | " | 1 00 | 23 |
| May 4, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 2 00 | 24 |
| June 26, | Golden Rule Lodge, Maryland..... | " | 1 00 | 27 |
| July 7, | John A. Thompson, of Maryland..... | " | 1 00 | 28 |
| Aug. 14, | John A. Thompson, of Maryland..... | " | 1 00 | 34 |
| | | | $53 00 | |
| 1853. Dec. 1, | G. H. Estes, of New Mexico..... .. | Miscella's. | 1 17 | 3 |
| 1854. Jan. 31, | ——— Lodge, No. 4, Oregon..... | " | 2 89 | 14 |
| Apr. 1, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 90 | 20 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 70 | 20 |
| July 3, | Horace Brooks, of New Mexico..... | " | 46 40 | 28 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Alabama..... | " | 1 59 | 30 |
| Aug. 15, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 13 00 | 35 |
| " 18, | E. G. Fuller, D. D. G. Sire, Nova Scotia. | " | 15 00 | 37 |
| | | | $81 65 | |
| 1853. Oct. 31, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | Odes. | 15 00 | 6 |
| 1854. Jan. 13, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 10 00 | 11 |
| " 30 | Grand Lodge of Ohio.,..... | " | 69 00 | 14 |
| " 31, | ——— Lodge, No. 4, Oregon. ..... | " | 36 | 14 |
| Mar. 1, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 30 00 | 15 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 15 00 | 20 |
| Apr. 19, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 16 50 | 22 |
| June 6, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 15 00 | 26 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 6 00 | 27 |
| Aug. 14, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 6 00 | 34 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 12 00 | 35 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 33 00 | 36 |
| | | | $227 86 | |
| 1854. July 17, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | Rep. Tax. | 100 00 | 29 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 100 00 | 29 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Alabama..... | " | 100 00 | 30 |
| Aug. 1, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 100 00 | 31 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... . | " | 100 00 | 31 |
| " 10, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 100 00 | 32 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 100 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 100 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.... | " | 50 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 100 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 100 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 100 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 100 00 | 34 |

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| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854. Aug. 15, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | Rep. Tax. | 100 00 | 35 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Georgia..... | " | 100 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 100 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 100 00 | 37 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... | " | 100 00 | 37 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 100 00 | 38 |
| " 21, | Grand Encampment of North Carolina... | " | 50 00 | 38 |
| " 21, | Grand Encampment of Delaware..... | " | 50 00 | 38 |
| " 21, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 50 00 | 38 |
| " 22, | Grand Encampment of Alabama..... | " | 50 00 | 39 |
| " 24, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 50 00 | 39 |
| | | | $2,100 00 | |
| | Total Receipts..... | | $9,559 15 | |

The Corresponding Secretary has received and paid over, during the year up to and inclusive of the 15th August, 1854, $9,318 00, which with the sum of $10,433 70, the balance in the Treasury at the close of the last session, makes up an aggregate of $19,751 70. This amount constitutes the fund in the Treasury up to the 15th August, 1854, to be increased as usual, by the further receipts between that date and the close of the present session, which increase at a liberal estimate will not exceed $5,152 32; making as the actual available revenue of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year 1853–4, the following exhibit:

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|---|---|
| Balance in the Treasury session 1853, - - - | $10,433 70 |
| Receipts up to August 28, 1854, - - - - | 9,318 00 |
| Estimated receipts from Aug. 1 to the close of the session, | 5,152 32 |
| Total, - - - - - - - | $24,904 02 |

Upon this fund there have been charged appropriations by the Committee on Finance amounting to $16,912 98, all of which have been discharged by the Grand Treasurer.

For the purpose of presenting clearly the fiscal condition of the Grand Lodge, the undersigned annexes detailed statements of the revenue and appropriations.

STATEMENT No. 1.

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| 1853. Sept. 6, Cash balance in the Treasury Grand Lodge United States, as per report of Finance Committee..... | $10,433 70 |
| Appropriation for mileage and per diem as per report of committee... | $11,211 50 |
| Relief of sufferers, Mobile..... | 250 00 |
| Binding revised journal..... | 750 40 |
| Daily journal of session..... | 380 00 |

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|---|---|
| P. G. Sire W. W. Moore's postage bill | 25 20 |
| C. B. Foster & Co., bill printing report | 67 62 |
| Removal of furniture to and from Philadelphia | 250 00 |
| Printing degree books | 126 51 |
| Printing odes | 200 00 |
| Translating work into the French language | 600 00 |
| Mileage and per diem to Woolsey | 115 00 |
| P. G. Sire Moore's portrait | 100 00 |
| Diagrams | 96 00 |
| W. Carville Cunningham's services | 20 00 |
| J. G. Neil's services | 15 00 |
| Expenses Committee on Dues and Benefits | 55 75 |
| | $14,262 98 |

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|---|---|---|
| Salaries Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Messenger | $2,100 00 | |
| Grand Secretary's office, gas and fuel | 275 00 | |
| Postage and office expenses | 275 00 | |
| | | 2,650 00 |
| | | $16,912 98 |
| Deduct balance in Treasury as above | | 10,433 70 |
| Excess of appropriations | | $6,479 28 |

STATEMENT No. 2.

| *Estimated receipts by Committee of Finance.* | | *Actual sale and receipts to August 16.* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rep. tax, 97 members | $4,850 00 | Rep. tax, 99 members | $4,950 00 |
| From State Grand Bodies | 275 00 | From State G. Bodies | 277 06 |
| " Sale of books | 2,500 00 | Books | 3,999 45 |
| " Sale of revised journal | 1,200 00 | Revised journal | 264 00 |
| " Sale of index to same | 350 00 | Index to journal | 143 00 |
| " Sale of cards | 3,500 00 | Cards | 4,813 10 |
| " Sale of odes | 200 00 | Odes | 298 86 |
| " Sale of diplomas | 125 00 | Diplomas | 134 00 |
| " Sale of warrants | 120 00 | Warrants | 210 00 |
| " Interest on stocks | 496 46 | Interest on stocks | 496 46 |
| " Individual accounts | 1,000 00 | Individual accounts | 11 75 |
| | | Miscellaneous | 156 60 |
| | $14,616 46 | | $14,854 28 |
| | | Excess of appropriations over receipts | $6,479 28 |
| | | Balance | $8,375 00 |

Statement No. 1 shows the condition of the Treasury at the close of the last session, with the specific appropriations charged upon it, and statement No. 2 shows the sale and receipts of the year as compared with the estimates of the Committee on Finance.

From exhibit No. 1 it will appear that the appropriations of the session of 1853 exceeded the receipts by the sum of $6,479 28, which amount became necessarily chargeable upon the receipts of the year 1854; and from exhibit No. 2, that the whole sales and revenue of 1854, if paid, cannot exceed $14,854 28. From this amount the deficit of the year 1853 being deducted, viz: $6,479 28, will leave the sum of

$8,375, applicable to the expenses of the present session of the Grand Lodge. If this calculation be well taken, of which the undersigned has not a doubt, there will be a deficit of not less than $6,000, to meet which recourse will have to be had to the Maryland State stock, amounting to $8,274 46. The application of this stock will thus extinguish the deficit of the Treasury, and leave the Grand Lodge free from debt, and at the same time clear of all accumulated fund, so that legislation hereafter, touching the finances, must be based exclusively upon actual receipts.

An opinion obtains to some extent that the resources of the Grand Lodge are large, and this opinion is doubtless based upon the usual statement of assets which accompanies the report of the Committee on Finance.

This statement of the last session, page 2155, shows an aggregate of $49,092 31 as assets. This is a large sum, and if literally taken, is calculated to mislead. The Committee on Finance, as was their duty, ascertained the whole amount of the property of the Lodge, and affixed a valuation to it; the value so fixed is founded upon actual availability in part, viz: in the items of supplies, Maryland State Stocks, and debts due by Grand Bodies; but in the items of Wildey loan, debts due by individuals and stereotype plates upon estimated values, none of which are available. Hence, instead of the practical assets of the Grand Lodge amounting to $49,092 31, they in fact are available only for a sum less than one-half of the actual estimated value.

The aggregate receipts have exceeded the estimate of the committee, although there has been a considerable falling off from the estimate in the items of individual accounts, Revised Journal, and Index, for the former the estimate being $1,000, the actual receipt $11.75; for the latter the estimate being $1,550, and the actual receipt $407. The sale of the Revised Journal and Index has been prejudiced by the donation made of a copy to each State Grand Lodge and Encampment and the membership of two consecutive sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which precedent having been set, and likely to be continued, will serve to limit the further sale of the work.

The Committee on Finance estimated the Revised Journal, together with the Index, as an asset of the value of $5,186, such being the selling price of it; this work may now be considered as available only in a very limited degree, since the sales for the past year show so large a falling off from the estimate of the committee.

The usual table showing the condition and progress of the Order cannot now be made, owing to the failure of several of the Grand Bodies to report. The stock account and statement of supplies sold during the year, showing the cost and net profit, together with the receipts after the close of this report, will be submitted in the form of a supplement during the session.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE. *August* 28, 1854.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of his office from September 7, 1853, to 31st August, 1854, inclusive:

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

| 1853. | TO CASH RECEIVED. | Dr. |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 7, | To balance cash in hand as per report of Committee of Finance, September 7, 1853..... | $10,433 70 |
| " 10, | To this sum returned by G. R. Bishop, of Connecticut, as overpaid by voucher eight..... | 2 00 |
| " 22, | This sum received of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 309 30 |
| " 24, | This sum received of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 162 00 |
| Oct'r. 8, | This sum received of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 103 17 |
| " 13, | Note Grand Lodge U. S. discounted at Chesapeake Bank.. | 2,000 00 |
| " 27, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 50 00 |
| " 31, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 197 00 |
| Nov. 5, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 73 00 |
| Nov. 11, | Interest on Maryland State Stock, due 1st October..... | 124 12 |
| " 15, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely ..... | 353 00 |
| 1854. | | |
| Jan. 2, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 97 15 |
| " 6, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 150 00 |
| " 14, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 109 00 |
| " 16, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 100 00 |
| " 16, | Interest on Maryland State Stock, due 1st January..... | 124 12 |
| " 28, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 215 00 |
| Feb. 4, | This amount of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 901 19 |
| Mar. 2, | To this sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... .... | 459 12 |
| " 4, | To this sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 100 00 |
| " 15, | To this sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 224 10 |
| " 23, | To this sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 100 00 |
| " 29, | To this sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 100 00 |
| April 5, | To this sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 90 90 |
| " 8, | Interest on Maryland Stock, due 1st instant..... | 124 12 |
| " 10, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 58 00 |
| " 19, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 192 73 |
| May 1, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 290 60 |
| " 1, | Note Grand Lodge United States, dated 18th April, 1854, at four months, discounted at Chesapeake Bank..... | 1,200 00 |
| " 4, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 270 00 |
| " 10, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 132 08 |
| June 6, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 123 00 |
| " 27, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... .. | 90 00 |
| July 3, | Interest on State Maryland Stock, less the tax on same..... | 111 71 |
| " 8, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 156 40 |
| " 18, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 360 25 |
| " 28, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 121 99 |
| Aug. 7, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 465 00 |
| " 10, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 191 00 |
| " 11, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 498 00 |
| " 15, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 561 00 |
| " 16, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 519 00 |
| " 17, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 450 00 |

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| Aug. 18, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | $276 60 |
| " 21, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 449 00 |
| " 28, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 219 42 |
| " 29, | This sum of Grand Secretary Ridgely..... | 1,094 00 |
| | | $24,531 77 |

1853. BY CASH PAID. Cr.

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|---|---|---|
| Sept. 9, No. 7, | A. S. Kellogg, for per diem and mileage..... | $102 00 |
| " 9, No. 8, | S. Bishop, for per diem and mileage..... | 35 00 |
| " 9, No. 9, | C. J. Gruman, for per diem and mileage..... | 26 50 |
| " 9, No. 10, | T. G. Senter, for per diem and mileage..... | 55 00 |
| " 9, No. 11, | A. M. Foute, for per diem and mileage..... | 210 00 |
| " 9, No. 12, | C. C. Harman, for per diem and mileage..... | 60 00 |
| " 9, No. 13, | W. R. Smith, for per diem and mileage..... | 69 00 |
| " 10, No. 14, | W. Denham, for per diem and mileage..... | 135 00 |
| " 10, No. 15, | D. Woolsey, for per diem and mileage..... | 115 00 |
| " 10, No. 16, | C. W. Bradbury, for per diem and mileage..... | 58 00 |
| " 10, No. 17, | O. Dufour, for per diem and mileage..... | 35 00 |
| " 10, No. 18, | J. C. Lyford, for per diem and mileage..... | 61 50 |
| " 10, No. 19, | S. H. Bailey, for per diem and mileage..... | 131 00 |
| " 10, No. 20, | E. K. Woodward, for per diem and mileage..... | 131 00 |
| " 10, No. 21, | J. W. Hale, for per diem and mileage..... | 31 00 |
| " 10, No. 22, | J. N. Taylor, for per diem and mileage..... | 32 50 |
| " 10, No. 23, | W. L. Steele, for per diem and mileage..... | 81 00 |
| " 10, No. 24, | W. H Tuthill, for per diem and mileage..... | 197 00 |
| " 10, No. 25, | J. Bridgman, for per diem and mileage..... | 192 00 |
| " 10, No. 26, | W. D. McCord, for per diem and mileage..... | 192 00 |
| " 10, No. 27, | S. Colfax, for per diem and mileage..... | 124 00 |
| " 10, No. 28, | J. Severns & Co., for printing Journal..... | 150 00 |
| " 10, No. 29, | W. Hopkins, for per diem and mileage..... | 63 50 |
| " 10, No. 30, | I. M. Veitch, for per diem and mileage..... | 131 00 |
| " 10, No. 31, | M. Woodruff, for per diem and mileage..... | 132 50 |
| " 10, No. 32, | L. J. Glenn, for per diem and mileage..... | 119 00 |
| " 10, No. 33, | W. G. DeSaussure, for per diem and mileage..... | 107 50 |
| " 10, No. 34, | J. M. Willey, for per diem and mileage..... | 46 00 |
| " 10, No. 35, | H. A. Manchester, for per diem and mileage..... | 51 00 |
| " 10, No. 36, | J. M. Cassady, for per diem and mileage..... | 18 00 |
| " 10, No. 37, | W. R. Smith, for per diem and mileage..... | 3 00 |
| " 10, No. 38, | Wm. Ellison, for per diem and mileage..... | 55 00 |
| " 10, No. 39, | Joseph L. Drew, for per diem and mileage..... | 55 00 |
| " 10, No. 40, | T. Ingraham, for per diem and mileage..... | 52 50 |
| " 10, No. 41, | L. Jones, for per diem and mileage..... | 35 00 |
| " 10, No. 42, | A. Froment, for per diem and mileage..... | 31 00 |
| " 10, No. 43, | H. F. Askew, for per diem and mileage..... | 21 00 |
| " 10, No. 44, | W. Hicks, for per diem and mileage..... | 51 00 |
| " 10, No. 45, | C. H. Dennison, for per diem and mileage..... | 46 50 |
| " 10, No. 46, | R. H. Clark, for per diem and mileage..... | 31 00 |
| " 10, No. 47, | D. P. Barnard, for per diem and mileage..... | 59 00 |
| " 10, No. 48, | N. Hayward, for per diem and mileage..... | 91 00 |
| " 10, No. 49, | N. Carlisle, for per diem and mileage..... | 20 50 |
| " 10, No. 50, | D. Humphrey, for per diem and mileage..... | 111 00 |
| " 10, No. 51, | N. G. Bryson, for per diem and mileage..... | 211 00 |
| " 10, No. 52, | R. H. Barry, for per diem and mileage..... | 128 00 |
| " 10, No. 53, | J. A. Kennedy, for per diem and mileage..... | 31 00 |
| " 10, No. 54, | J. Burton, for per diem and mileage..... | 72 00 |
| " 10, No. 55, | J. A. Gyles, for per diem and mileage..... | 89 50 |
| " 10, No. 56, | P. Della Torre, for per diem and mileage..... | 89 50 |
| " 10, No. 57, | L. H. Kellogg, for per diem and mileage..... | 143 00 |
| " 10, No. 58, | J. B. Kellogg, for per diem and mileage..... | 143 00 |
| " 10, No. 59, | C. Billinghurst, for per diem and mileage..... | 149 00 |

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| Sept. 10, | No. 60, J. R. Mullen, for per diem and mileage | $55 00 |
| " 10, | No. 61, E. S. Kempton, for per diem and mileage | 100 50 |
| " 10, | No. 62, L. W. Day, for per diem and mileage | 137 00 |
| " 10, | No. 63, E. J. Carpenter, for per diem and mileage | 67 00 |
| " 10, | No. 64, R. O. Shaw, for per diem and mileage | 163 00 |
| " 10, | No. 65, E. C. Robinson, for per diem and mileage | 51 00 |
| " 10, | No. 66, J. R. Edmonds, for per diem and mileage | 42 00 |
| " 10, | No. 67, J. M. Moore, for per diem and mileage | 116 00 |
| " 10, | No. 68, C. F. Wilstack, for per diem and mileage | 101 00 |
| " 10, | No. 69, W. G. Williams, for per diem and mileage | 101 00 |
| " 10, | No. 70, J. P. Sanders, for per diem and mileage | 35 00 |
| " 10, | No. 70½, A. M. Smith, for per diem and mileage | 61 00 |
| " 10, | No. 71, R. W. Seymour, for per diem and mileage | 89 50 |
| " 10, | No. 72, D. Wilkinson, for per diem and mileage | 51 50 |
| " 10, | No. 73, E. P. Hunter, for per diem and mileage | 61 00 |
| " 10, | No. 74, H. Steele, for per diem and mileage | 62 00 |
| " 10, | No. 75, G. W. Race, for per diem and mileage | 180 00 |
| " 10, | No. 76, N. B. Mountford, for per diem and mileage | 31 00 |
| " 10, | No. 77, E. H. Fitzhugh, for per diem and mileage | 62 00 |
| " 10, | No. 78, G. Sligo, for per diem | 18 00 |
| " 10, | No. 79, W. Curtis, for per diem | 15 00 |
| " 10, | No. 80, F. D. Mulford, for per diem and mileage | 23 50 |
| " 10, | No. 81, R. P. Long, for per diem | 18 00 |
| " 10, | No. 82, J. Crickard, for per diem and mileage | 180 00 |
| " 10, | No. 83, J. G. Dunlap, for per diem and mileage | 171 00 |
| " 10, | No. 84, J. G. Wilson, for per diem and mileage | 162 00 |
| " 10, | No. 85, H. L. Rucker, for per diem and mileage | 158 00 |
| " 10, | No. 86, E. B. Lyman, for per diem and mileage | 163 50 |
| " 10, | No. 87, J. G. Chapman, for per diem and mileage | 99 00 |
| " 10, | No. 88, Anson Jones, for per diem and mileage | 230 00 |
| " 10, | No. 89, R. F. Hunt, for per diem and mileage | 35 00 |
| " 10, | No. 90, J. W. Hodgson, for per diem and mileage | 35 00 |
| " 10, | No. 91, J. G. Potts, for per diem and mileage | 174 00 |
| " 10, | No. 92, I. D. Williamson, for per diem and mileage | 116 00 |
| " 10, | No. 93, I. D. Williamson, expenses of Committee on Benefits, &c., | 115 50 |
| " 10, | No. 94, P. A. Hackleman, per diem and mileage | 101 00 |
| " 10, | No. 95, B. W. Brunson, per diem and mileage | 207 00 |
| " 10, | No. 96, James Young, per diem and mileage | 31 00 |
| " 10, | No. 97, W. English, for per diem | 18 00 |
| " 10, | No. 98, T. T. Smiley, for per diem and mileage | 128 00 |
| " 10, | No. 99, E. Woolford, for per diem and mileage | 116 00 |
| " 10, | No. 100, C. A. Stacey, for per diem and mileage | 103 00 |
| " 10, | No. 101, J. E. Hyde, for per diem and mileage | 102 00 |
| " 10, | No. 102, W. Gilchrist, for per diem and mileage | 16 00 |
| " 10, | No. 103, J. Vansant, for mileage | 10 00 |
| " 10, | No. 104, E. Kempton, for per diem and mileage | 50 00 |
| " 10, | No. 105, W. C. Cunningham, for services | 20 00 |
| " 10, | No. 106, R. Marley, for per diem and mileage | 31 00 |
| " 10, | No. 107, J. L. Ridgely, for per diem and mileage | 31 00 |
| " 10, | No. 108, S. H. Lewyt, for per diem and mileage | 31 00 |
| " 10, | No. 109, B. F. Zimmerman, for per diem and mileage | 31 00 |
| " 10, | No. 110, S. Arnbach, hauling desks, &c | 20 00 |
| " 10, | No. 111, J. E. Chamberlain, for sundries | 170 52 |
| " 10, | No. 112, J. E. Chamberlain, for mileage | 10 00 |
| " 23, | No. 113, M. Purden, for per diem and mileage | 536 00 |
| " 24, | No. 114, James Young, for binding and printing Journal, &c. | 876 91 |
| " 26, | No. 115, J. Severns & Co., for printing Journal | 104 37 |
| Oct'r. 8, | No. 116, J. E. Chamberlain, for postage, &c | 62 57 |
| " 12, | No. 117, James Young, for printing Journal, &c | 731 50 |
| " 31, | No. 118, J. E. Chamberlain, for sundries | 7 50 |

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| Nov. 4, No. 119, Louis Bonsal, for binding, &c | $329 | 90 |
| " 5, No. 120, J. E. Chamberlain, for sundries | 7 | 38 |
| " 9, No. 121, Insurance on Grand Lodge property | 8 | 80 |
| " 10, No. 122, Donation to Grand Lodge, Alabama | 250 | 00 |
| " 12, No. 123, Freight on desks from Philadelphia | 52 | 50 |
| " 19, No. 124, James Young, for printing Journal, Odes, &c | 377 | 73 |
| Dec. 2, No. 125, J. E. Chamberlain, three months salary | 175 | 00 |
| " 7, No. 126, James L. Ridgely, three months salary | 300 | 00 |
| " 27, No. 127, E. Stabler, for seal and counter seal | 280 | 00 |
| 1854. | | |
| Jan. 3, No. 128, C. Billinghurst, G. R. Wisconsin | 7 | 00 |
| " 3, No. 129, J. E. Chamberlain, for postage, &c | 74 | 81 |
| " 14, No. 130, Translation of Work of Order in French | 600 | 00 |
| " 14, No. 131, J. E. Chamberlain, freight New Orleans | 6 | 00 |
| " 18, No. 132, King & Baird, for printing Journal, &c | 78 | 50 |
| " 27, No 133, A. S. Abell, for advertising | 13 | 17 |
| " 31, No. 134, John A. Kennedy, for daguerreotypes | 96 | 00 |
| Feb. 4, No. 135, James Young, for printing Journal, &c | 873 | 81 |
| " 4, No. 136, J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 8 | 13 |
| Mar. 2, No. 137, J. E. Chamberlain, salary, postage, &c | 195 | 86 |
| " 2, No. 138, James L. Ridgely, three months salary | 300 | 00 |
| " 15, No. 139, A. McLaurin, for writing Diploma | 5 | 00 |
| April 4, No. 140, J. E. Chamberlain, for freight, &c | 18 | 21 |
| " 14, No. 140½, Note Grand Lodge United States discounted | 2,000 | 00 |
| April 19, No. 141, James Young, for printing Degree Rebekah | 51 | 25 |
| May 1, No. 142, L. Bonsal, for binding Degree in German | 50 | 00 |
| June 1, No. 143, James L. Ridgely, three months salary | 300 | 00 |
| " 1, No. 144, J. E. Chamberlain, three months salary | 175 | 00 |
| " 1, No. 145, J. E. Chamberlain, for postage, &c | 12 | 03 |
| July 8, No. 146, J. J. Johnson, for desks and chairs | 40 | 00 |
| " 8, No. 147, J. E. Chamberlain, for postage, &c | 8 | 70 |
| Aug. 3, No. 148, P. G. S. W. W. Moore, for portrait | 100 | 00 |
| " 7, No. 149, J. E. Chamberlain, for postage | 5 | 40 |
| " 8, No. 150, P. G. S. W. W. Moore, for postage, &c | 25 | 20 |
| " 14, No. 151, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent of Hall | 275 | 00 |
| " 17, No. 152, J. W. Bond, for stationery | 190 | 25 |
| " 18, No. 153, L. Bonsal, for binding Work of Order | 92 | 56 |
| " 19, No. 154, Note Grand Lodge United States discounted | 1,200 | 00 |
| " 28, No. 155, Protested draft of E. G. Fuller | 76 | 75 |
| " 28, No. 156, S. A. Sandys, for printing cards, &c | 187 | 40 |
| 1853. | | |
| Sept. 5, No. 157, J. Vansant, State stamp on his bond | 5 | 50 |
| " 10, No. 157, J. Vansant, for discount on funds at Philadelphia | 5 | 50 |
| " 10, No. 157, J. Vansant, for check book, bank book, &c | 2 | 94 |
| Oct. 12, No. 157, J. Vansant, for collecting draft on Nashville | 1 | 54 |
| " 13, No. 157, J. Vansant, discount on accommodation note of Grand Lodge United States for $2,000 | 61 | 33 |
| " 13, No. 157, J. Vansant, for collecting draft on Virginia | | 30 |
| " 13, No. 157, J. Vansant, for stamp on note G. L. United States | 1 | 00 |
| 1854. | | |
| May 1, No. 157, J. Vansant, discount on accommodation note of Grand Lodge United States for $1,200 | 23 | 00 |
| " 1, No. 157, J. Vansant, for State stamp on same | | 75 |
| June 12, No. 157, J. Vansant, collecting draft on G. L. California | 15 | 77 |
| Aug. 18, No. 157, J. Vansant, for collecting drafts | | 82 |
| " 31, No. 157, J. Vansant, Treasurer, one year's salary | 200 | 00 |
| Balance | 3,931 | 11 |
| | $24,531 | 77 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer*

BALTIMORE, *August* 31, 1854.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented the following Supplementary Report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, begs very respectfully to submit the annexed supplementary statement of the receipts of his office since the close of his regular Annual Report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report up to and inclusive of the session.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854. Aug. 28, | Grand Lodge of California..... | Rep. Tax. | $100 00 | 40 |
| " 30, | Grand Encampment of New Jersey..... | " | 50 00 | 41 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 100 00 | 41 |
| " 30, | Grand Encampment of Illinois..... | " | 50 00 | 41 |
| Sept. 1, | Grand Encampment of South Carolina... | " | 50 00 | 42 |
| " 1, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 100 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Wisconsin..... | " | 50 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of N. New York.... | " | 100 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Texas. ..... | " | 50 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 100 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Indiana..... | " | 100 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Mississippi..... | " | 50 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 100 00 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.... | " | 100 00 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 100 00 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Maine..... | " | 50 00 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Kentucky..... | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of New Hampshire.. | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of S. New York..... | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Iowa..... | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Tennessee..... | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Michigan..... | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Connecticut..... | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 100 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment District of Columbia. | " | 50 00 | 44 |
| " 5, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 45 |
| | | | $2,750 00 | |
| Aug. 28, | Ascutney Encampment, Vermont..... | Dues. | 50 | 40 |
| " 28, | Green Mountain Encampment, Vermont. | " | 2 50 | 40 |
| " 28, | Golden Gate Encampment, California.... | " | 179 67 | 40 |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 28, | Pacific Encampment, California..... | Dues. | 110 94 | 40 |
| " 28, | Parker Encampment, California..... | " | 96 84 | 40 |
| Sept. 4, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 36 19 | 44 |
| " 4, | Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, N. Mexico. | " | 9 65 | 44 |
| | | | $436 29 | |
| Aug. 28, | Grand Lodge of California..... | Odes. | 15 00 | 40 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 30 00 | 41 |
| Sept. 4, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 1 50 | 44 |
| | | | $46 50 | |
| Aug. 28, | Grand Lodge of California..... | Diplomas. | 50 00 | 40 |
| Sept. 1, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 10 00 | 42 |
| " 4 | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 10 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Virginia... .... | " | 10 00 | 44 |
| | | | $80 00 | |
| Aug. 28, | Grand Lodge of California..... | Cards. | 30 00 | 40 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 10 00 | 41 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 181 00 | 41 |
| Sept. 1, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 80 00 | 42 |
| " 1, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | " | 110 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Texas..... | " | 10 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 170 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Indiana..... | " | 100 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 30 00 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 1 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 21 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 15 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 25 00 | 44 |
| | | | $883 00 | |
| Aug. 28, | Grand Lodge of California..... | Balance. | 110 00 | 40 |
| " 29, | Samuel H. Parker, of California.... ... | " | 350 55 | 40 |
| | | | $460 55 | |
| Sept. 2, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | Miscella's. | 1 35 | 42 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Maine..... | " | 27 15 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment of Maine..... | " | 64 46 | 43 |
| " 4, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 2 50 | 44 |
| | | | $95 46 | |
| Aug. 28, | Grand Lodge of California..... | Books. | 48 00 | 40 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | " | 397 00 | 41 |
| " 30, | Grand Encampment of Illinois..... | " | 50 00 | 41 |
| Sept. 1, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 20 00 | 42 |
| " 1, | Hugh Arters of Pennsylvania..... | " | 6 00 | 42 |
| " 1, | A. J. Lucas of California..... | " | 6 00 | 42 |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 2, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin..... | Books. | 61 50 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Wisconsin.. .... | " | 18 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Texas..... | " | 38 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Lodge of Indiana..... | " | 290 92 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Indiana..... | " | 157 00 | 42 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 6 00 | 43 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 1 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.... | " | 16 52 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 08 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 74 00 | 44 |
| ,, 4, | Grand Encampment of Connecticut..... | " | 10 00 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 1 20 | 44 |
| " 4, | Grand Encampment District of Columbia. | " | 24 00 | 44 |
| | | | $1,225 22 | |

## TOTAL RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| BOOKS..... | Statement..... | $2,231 64 |
| | Supplementary..... | 1,225 22 |
| CARDS..... | Statement..... | 3,831 20 |
| | Supplementary..... | 883 00 |
| REPRESENTATIVE TAX..... | Statement..... | 2,100 00 |
| | Supplementary..... | 2,750 00 |
| DIPLOMAS..... | Statement ... ..... | 53 00 |
| | Supplementary..... | 80 00 |
| WARRANTS..... | Statement..... | 300 00 |
| DUES..... | Statement..... | 432 90 |
| | Supplementary..... | 436 29 |
| BALANCES..... | Statement..... | 300 90 |
| | Supplementary..... | 460 55 |
| MISCELLANEOUS..... | Statement..... | 81 65 |
| | Supplementary..... | 95 46 |
| ODES..... | Statement..... | 227 86 |
| | Supplementary..... | 46 50 |
| Amount of receipts..... | | $15,536 17 |

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE WILDEY ANNUITY, *from September* 22, 1853, *to September* 2, 1854.

| | |
|---|---|
| Monumental Lodge, No. 14, Maryland..... | $5 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Illinois..... | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | 40 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Texas..... | 40 00 |
| | $245 00 |

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

*Supplies on hand September 1st, 1853, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September 2, 1854.*

| | Cards. | Degree of Rebekah. | Charge Books. | Degree Books. | G. Encamp. Books. | S. Encamp. Books. | Institution Books. | Grand Lodge Books. | Diplomas. | Odes. | Revised Journal. | Digested Index. | Forms for Degree Lodges. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stock on hand Sept. 1, 1853..... | 46653 | 492 | 1175 | 1030 | .. | 970 | 563 | 95 | 301 | 2499 | 700 | 1250 | 2100 |
| Stock received during the year..... | 12000 | 500 | 250 | 250 | 99 | 250 | ... | .. | 200 | 20854 | ... | .... | .... |
| Total..... .. | 58653 | 992 | 1425 | 1280 | 99 | 1220 | 563 | 95 | 501 | 23353 | 700 | 1250 | 2100 |
| Amount sold during the year..... | 50349 | 352 | 715 | 451 | 13 | 312 | 74 | 3 | 208 | 9962 | 173 | 244 | 615 |
| Stock on hand Sept. 2, 1854..... | 8304 | 640 | 710 | 829 | 86 | 908 | 489 | 92 | 293 | 13391 | 527 | 1006 | 1485 |

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from September 1st, 1853, to September 1st, 1854, showing cost of articles, selling price, and profit.*

| Number of each article sold. | | Cost price. | Sold for. | Profits. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cards sold during the year, 50,349..... | | $557 90 | $5,034 90 | $4,477 00 |
| Diplomas sold during the year, 159<br>Diplomas, G. Rep., per resolution, 49 | 208.... | 52 00 | 159 00 | 107 00 |
| Degree of Rebekah books sold, 352..... | | 352 00 | 70 40 | 281 60 |
| Charge books sold, 677<br>Furnished new lodges, 28 | 705..... | 217 50 | 1,354 00 | 1,136 50 |
| Degree books sold 427<br>Furnished new lodges, 24 | 451..... | 135 30 | 854 00 | 718 70 |
| Encampment books sold, 289<br>Furnished new Encampments, 24 | 313..... | 93 60 | 576 00 | 482 40 |
| Odes sold, 9962..... | | 199 24 | 298 86 | 99 62 |
| Grand Lodge books, 2<br>Furnished Grand Sire, 1 | 3..... | 60 | 2 90 | 1 40 |
| Institution books sold, 69<br>Furnished D. D. G. Sires, 5 | 74..... | 11 10 | 69 00 | 57 90 |
| Forms for Degree Lodges sold, 615..... | | 6 15 | 12 30 | 6 15 |
| Grand Encampment books sold, 11<br>New Grand Encampments, 2 | 13..... | ..... | 11 00 | 11 00 |
| Revised Journal sold, 46<br>Per resolution G. L. U. S., 127 | 173..... | ..... | 276 00 | ..... |
| Digested Index sold, 147<br>To G. Lodge U. S., 97 | 244..... | ..... | 147 00 | ..... |
| | | $1,625 39 | $8,864 46 | $7,379 27 |

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Sec'ry.*

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June* 30, 1854.

| LODGES. | WHERE HELD. | Number of Lodges. | Initiations. | Suspensions. | Expulsions. | Past Grands. | Past Grand Masters. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland..... | Baltimore. ..... | 80 | 600 | 680 | 19 | 1112 | 20 |
| G. L. Massachusetts. | Boston..... | 103 | 325 | 562 | 34 | 1374 | ..... |
| G. L. S. New York.. | N. York city... | 182 | 936 | 1859 | 23 | 2500 | 11 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania.. | Philadelphia... | 496 | 5915 | 3175 | 119 | ..... | 15 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col.... | Washington.... | 13 | 144 | 97 | 3 | 311 | 13 |
| G. L. Delaware..... | Wilmington.... | 24 | 271 | 4 | 4 | 303 | 15 |
| G. L. Ohio..... ... | Columbus..... | 255 | 2933 | 122 | 440 | 2427 | 19 |
| G. L. Louisiana..... | New Orleans... | 34 | 375 | 172 | 117 | 329 | 12 |
| G. L. New Jersey... | Trenton..... | 108 | 607 | 564 | 41 | 1276 | 10 |
| G. L. Kentucky..... | Louisville..... | 110 | 1071 | 116 | 24 | 953 | 11 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | Richmond..... | 113 | 813 | 219 | 251 | 747 | 15 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | Indianapolis.... | 148 | 1481 | 185 | 51 | 1039 | 8 |
| G. L. Mississippi.... | Natchez..... | 47 | 311 | 94 | 52 | 372 | 8 |
| G. L. Missouri..... | St. Louis..... | 70 | 639 | 148 | 19 | 452 | 10 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | Springfield .. ... | 158 | 1664 | 292 | 153 | 865 | 8 |
| G. L. Alabama.... . | Mobile..... | 49 | 219 | 74 | 18 | 219 | ..... |
| G. L. Connecticut... | New Haven.... | 62 | 318 | 523 | 12 | 750 | ..... |
| G. L. Texas..... | Galveston. .... | 40 | 282 | 34 | 6 | 168 | 7 |
| G. L. S. Carolina.... | Charleston..... | 24 | 272 | 37 | 112 | 243 | 9 |
| G. L. Tennessee* ... | Nashville..... | 78 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. Carolina ... | Wilmington..... | 45 | 256 | 66 | 84 | 315 | 11 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | Macon..... . | 44 | 183 | 125 | 28 | 262 | 7 |
| G. L. Maine..... | Portland..... | 47 | 98 | 166 | 5 | 612 | ..... |
| G. L. R. Island..... | Providence..... | 14 | 60 | 110 | 20 | 216 | ..... |
| G. L. N. Hampshire. | Concord..... | 39 | 172 | 192 | 56 | 311 | 9 |
| G. L. Michigan ..... | Detroit..... | 64 | 438 | 180 | 3 | 296 | 6 |
| G. L. Wisconsin.... | Milwaukee .... | 66 | 523 | 170 | 117 | 425 | 7 |
| G. L. Vermont..... | Montpelier..... | 25 | 114 | 96 | 4 | 117 | 5 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | Bloomington... | 55 | 513 | 79 | 15 | 311 | 6 |
| G. L. Arkansas*..... | Little Rock.... | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. N. York... | ..... | 467 | 2929 | 3224 | 94 | 4025 | 8 |
| G. L. Florida..... | Tallahasse..... | 8 | 56 | 65 | 1 | 50 | 3 |
| G. L. Minnesota.... | St. Paul..... | 5 | 16 | 25 | 8 | ..... | 1 |
| G. L. California, ... | ..... | 28 | 686 | 12 | 8 | 108 | 1 |
| Honolulu†..... | ..... | 2 | 11 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New Mexico..... | ..... | 3 | 27 | 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Oregon‡..... | ..... | 4 | 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Canada..... | ..... | 13 | 162 | 9 | ..... | 67 | ..... |
| | | 3129 | 25,335 | 13,487 | 1941 | 22,555 | 255 |

* No report. † One Lodge no report due. ‡ Only two reports received, one from Chemeketa, No. 1, and Samaritan, No. 2.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June* 30, 1854, *continued.*

| LODGES. | Revenue of Subordinate Lodges. | Contributing Members. | No. of brothers relieved. | No. of widowed families relieved. | No. of brothers buried. | Amount paid for relief of brothers. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland.... | $93,388 02 | 13,070 | 2,126 | 237 | 146 | $30,034 55 |
| G. L. Massachusetts | 38,228 04 | 7,585 | 613 | 153 | 92 | 15,567 32 |
| G. L. S. N. York... | 113,817 41 | 15,213 | 1,876 | 287 | 166 | 40,591 41 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania. | 244,719 17 | 46,588 | 6,294 | 594 | 377 | 91,563 14 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col... | 7,631 65 | 1,339 | 278 | 33 | 11 | 2,833 00 |
| G. L. Delaware .... | ..... | 2,102 | 400 | 12 | 29 | 4,284 85 |
| G. L. Ohio..... | 118,921 06 | 18,214 | 2,101 | 173 | 133 | 31,691 81 |
| G. L. Louisiana.... | 43,850 52 | 2,863 | 380 | 46 | 107 | 8,824 10 |
| G. L. New Jersey.. | 41,816 14 | 7,003 | 999 | 64 | 67 | 14,853 03 |
| G. L. Kentucky.... | 46,319 85 | 5,152 | 476 | ..... | 42 | 8,514 90 |
| G. L. Virginia. .... | 32,742 07 | 7,003 | 969 | 66 | 63 | 12,009 83 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 122,092 76 | 7,085 | 986 | 30 | 52 | 11,422 15 |
| G. L. Mississippi.... | 15,321 40 | 1,683 | 90 | 14 | 33 | 2,014 11 |
| G. L. Missouri..... | 30,149 36 | 3,080 | 257 | 48 | 38 | 4,176 95 |
| G. L. Illinois ..... | 50,332 81 | 6,676 | 836 | 41 | 63 | 6,203 12 |
| G. L. Alabama..... | 17,453 03 | 1,556 | 138 | 19 | 35 | 2,541 14 |
| G. L. Connecticut.. | 15,071 49 | 4,374 | 101 | ..... | ..... | 7,898 07 |
| G. L. Texas..... | 14,965 69 | 1,276 | 85 | 5 | 25 | 1,388 10 |
| G. L. S. Carolina... | 16,548 79 | 2,000 | 141 | 51 | 17 | 2,981 50 |
| G. L. Tennessee... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. Carolina .. | 13,393 14 | 1,849 | 151 | 21 | 22 | 1,994 23 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 9,590 56 | 1,546 | 164 | 15 | 12 | 2,402 60 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 8,821 72 | 3,343 | 192 | 11 | 20 | 3,538 13 |
| G. L. R. Island.... | 6,418 03 | 1,132 | 35 | 17 | 8 | 2,721 33 |
| G. L. N. Hampshire | 2,642 00 | 2,240 | 156 | 5 | 18 | 2,674 42 |
| G. L. Michigan .... | 13,952 47 | 2,347 | 154 | 18 | 15 | 2,054 37 |
| G. L. Wisconsin.... | 13,225 31 | 2,700 | 121 | 8 | 15 | 1,476 44 |
| G. L. Vermont..... | 4,381 55 | 1,008 | 89 | 6 | 7 | 1,079 52 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 13,211 86 | 1,979 | 142 | 8 | 9 | 1,414 40 |
| G. L. Arkansas.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York. | 125,594 88 | 24,400 | 2,144 | 122 | 156 | 30,882 00 |
| G. L. Florida ..... | 3,616 19 | 317 | 83 | 2 | 6 | 635 80 |
| G. L. Minnesota.... | 781 00 | 241 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. California..... | 51,305 19 | 1,393 | 81 | 12 | 6 | 3,936 08 |
| Honolulu..... | 464 37 | 44 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New Mexico..... | 1,522 90 | 64 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Oregon..... | 836 00 | 66 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Canada ..... | 1,808 93 | 666 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $1,334,935 36 | 199,197 | 22,658 | 2118 | 1790 | $350,502 40 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1854, continued.*

| LODGES. | Amount paid for relief of widowed families. | Amount paid for the education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying dead. | Total amount of Relief. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland..... | $17,600 53 | $2,527 37 | $8,757 49 | $59,371 31 |
| G. L. Massachusetts. | 4,301 33 | ..... | 3,449 17 | 22,914 82 |
| G. L. S. New York.. | 7,460 69 | 351 69 | 7,380 52 | 55,784 19 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania.. | 5,804 81 | 251 09 | 16,889 31 | 114,508 35 |
| G. L. Dis. of Col.... | 465 00 | 460 71 | 411 31 | 4,170 02 |
| G. L. Delaware..... | 147 50 | ..... | 803 16 | 5,235 51 |
| G. L. Ohio..... ... | 2,599 81 | 248 20 | 5,478 91 | 40,667 37 |
| G. L. Louisiana..... | 3,400 90 | 142 00 | 6,905 48 | 19,272 48 |
| G. L. New Jersey... | 1,036 25 | 973 96 | 2,297 38 | 19,160 61 |
| G. L. Kentucky..... | 1,419 92 | 370 80 | 2,954 23 | 13,259 85 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | 1,785 50 | 1,343 66 | 2,576 02 | 17,715 01 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 148 98 | 829 29 | 2,565 91 | 16,963 01 |
| G. L. Mississippi.... | 195 45 | 55 90 | 1,388 50 | 3,653 96 |
| G. L. Missouri..... | 2,262 83 | 1,466 00 | 1,436 20 | 9,341 98 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | 833 46 | 57 23 | 1,674 20 | 8,768 01 |
| G. L. Alabama..... | 540 35 | 260 46 | 882 00 | 4,223 95 |
| G. L. Connecticut... | 525 86 | 89 30 | 1,278 63 | 5,591 64 |
| G. L. Texas..... | 120 00 | 77 00 | 539 69 | 2,124 79 |
| G. L. S. Carolina.... | 2,747 25 | 910 06 | 610 00 | 7,238 81 |
| G. L. Tennessee..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. Carolina ... | 318 41 | 154 40 | 473 85 | 2,940 89 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 499 00 | 151 50 | 410 00 | 3,468 10 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 157 00 | 24 00 | 390 00 | 4,109 13 |
| G. L. R. Island..... | 676 68 | ..... | 335 00 | 3,708 51 |
| G. L. N. Hampshire. | 75 04 | ... ..... | 667 51 | 3,416 97 |
| G. L. Michigan ..... | 384 70 | 510 00 | ..... | 2,949 07 |
| G. L. Wisconsin.... | 141 66 | 65 58 | 401 00 | 20,084 68 |
| G. L. Vermont..... | 144 25 | ..... | 300 00 | 1,523 77 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 137 00 | 15 00 | 247 07 | 1,813 47 |
| G. L. Arkansas..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. N. York... | 2,471 31 | 262 81 | 4,639 72 | 38,255 84 |
| G. L. Florida..... | 80 00 | 20 00 | 143 15 | 978 95 |
| G. L. Minnesota..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. California, ... | 435 30 | 103 50 | 530 00 | 5,311 46 |
| Honolulu..... | ... ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New Mexico..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Oregon..... | .. ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Canada..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $58,916 77 | $11,721 51 | $76,815 31 | $498,526 51 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1854.*

| ENCAMPMENTS. | WHERE HELD. | Number of Subordinates. | Initiations. | Suspensions. | Expulsions. | Contributing Members. | Revenue of Subordinates. | Relief. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. E. Maryland.... | Baltimore.... | 11 | 116 | 41 | .. | 1,558 | $9,876 32 | $9,814 00 |
| G. E. Pennsylvania. | Philadelphia. | 100 | 609 | 304 | 6 | 5,839 | 36,353 19 | 11,524 17 |
| G. E. S. New York | N. York city | 23 | 91 | 138 | 3 | 847 | 3,740 64 | 1,158 00 |
| G. E. Ohio..... | Cincinnati... | 62 | 548 | 3 | 48 | 3,588 | 14,376 88 | 4,390 24 |
| G. E. New Jersey. | New Ark... | 21 | 82 | 31 | 1 | 590 | 1,574 54 | 574 00 |
| G. E. Virginia..... | Martinsburg. | 29 | 145 | 25 | 21 | 1,240 | ..... | 2,121 27 |
| G. E. S. Carolina.. | Charleston... | 4 | 23 | 4 | .. | 160 | 632 88 | 173 00 |
| G. E. Massac'usetts | Boston..... | 20 | 80 | 76 | .. | 1,043 | 3,956 83 | 1,227 34 |
| G. E. Kentucky... | Louisville... | 28 | 208 | 32 | 1 | 868 | 4,336 47 | 625 50 |
| G. E. Maine ..... | Portland..... | 10 | 13 | 13 | .. | 294 | 3,829 94 | ..... |
| G. E. N. Hampshire | Concord .... | 8 | 15 | 17 | .. | 289 | 250 00 | 47 00 |
| G. E. Mississippi.. | Natchez ... | 10 | 67 | 4 | 1 | 235 | 2,232 80 | 349 00 |
| G. E. Missouri .... | St. Louis ... | 16 | 101 | 17 | 1 | 411 | 2,181 21 | 226 00 |
| G. E. Dis. of Col. | Washington.. | 5 | 37 | 16 | 1 | 348 | 1,254 39 | 495 00 |
| G. E. Tennessee*.. | Nashville.... | 17 | .... | .... | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. E. N. Carolina.. | Wilmington.. | 11 | 35 | 4 | 1 | 209 | 636 88 | 217 00 |
| G. E. Georgia..... | Macon... .. | 9 | 20 | 7 | .. | 215 | 608 96 | 222 00 |
| G. E. Louisiana... | New Orleans | 9 | 68 | 11 | 1 | 570 | 3,564 83 | 367 00 |
| G. E. Indiana. .... | Indianapolis. | 40 | 290 | 12 | 7 | 1,396 | 10,571 17 | 1,574 15 |
| G. E. Michigan.... | Detroit..... | 8 | 26 | 31 | .. | 141 | 393 08 | ..... |
| G. E. Rhode Island | Providence.. | 6 | 16 | 10 | .. | 327 | 861 91 | 194 91 |
| G. E. Delaware..... | Wilmington.. | 7 | 43 | 10 | .. | 316 | 640 45 | 789 00 |
| G. E. Wisconsin... | Southport... | 9 | 41 | 16 | .. | 202 | 461 28 | 41 00 |
| G. E. N. New York | Utica ..... | 60 | 190 | 187 | .. | 1,660 | 5,851 94 | 1,042 20 |
| G. E. Connecticut.. | New Haven. | 13 | 69 | 17 | 1 | 486 | 1,187 40 | 225 00 |
| G. E. Illinois..... | Springfield... | 25 | 79 | 7 | 1 | 371 | 1,424 13 | ..... |
| G. E. Iowa. ..... | Muscatine .. | 12 | 16 | 2 | .. | 142 | 524 58 | 43 00 |
| G. E. Alabama.... | Mobile..... | 13 | 63 | .... | 1 | 242 | 1,336 40 | 64 00 |
| G. E. Texas..... | Galveston... | 11 | 48 | .... | .. | 84 | 925 25 | ..... |
| Vermont..... | ..... | 2 | 15 | .... | .. | 97 | 70 50 | ..... |
| Arkansas†..... | ..... | 4 | 12 | .... | .. | 49 | 423 75 | ..... |
| New Mexico‡..... | ..... | 2 | 5 | .... | .. | 11 | 417 32 | ..... |
| Oregon*..... | ..... | 1 | .... | .... | .. | 7 | ..... | ..... |
| Honolulu‖..... | ..... | 1 | .... | .... | .. | 7 | ..... | ..... |
| Canada§..... | ..... | 1 | .... | .... | .. | 20 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Florida§..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | .... | .. | 14 | 55 73 | ..... |
| California..... | ..... | 3 | 85 | .... | .. | 154 | 3,874 02 | ..... |
| Minnesota§..... | ..... | 1 | 4 | 3 | .. | 40 | 118 00 | ..... |
| | | 613 | 3262 | 1038 | 95 | 23,062 | 118,553 67 | 37,503 78 |

* No report. † Two Camps not reporting. ‡ One Camp no report due. ‖ No report due. § One report.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to reconsider the motion of Rep. Ellison, making the consideration of the Constitution the special order for Wednesday.

And the said resolution being under consideration, Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, moved to amend, by striking out "eleven o'clock," and inserting "half past twelve."

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, moved further to amend by striking out "Wednesday," and inserting "Tuesday."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Jones, of Texas, it was resolved that the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the same committee to which the Grand Sire's report was referred.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed upon the unfinished business of the last session.

The Chair named Reps. Ellison, of Massachusetts, Brown, of Connecticut, and Hicks, of Illinois, as the committee.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn on Wednesday next it adjourn to 7½ o'clock for instruction in the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, moved to amend as follows: Strike out "7½ o'clock," and insert "12½ o'clock," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution, which was not adopted:

*Resolved*, That when a member wishes to offer any resolution, he shall, after getting leave to introduce it, send the same to the table of the Grand Secretary, when it shall be read.

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of that State, also an appeal from the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio adopting a new constitution. The first of which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions, and the latter to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this body to the Grand Lodge of the U. States be and they are hereby directed to bring before that body the propriety of having all business transacted in the Subordinate Lodges in the scarlet degree, and that no brother be allowed to vouch for or recommend a candidate for initiation into the Order unless he has attained the scarlet degree.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, offered the following resolution, and moved its reference to a special committee:

*Resolved*, That the six months term having failed to be beneficial to the Order in some of the State Jurisdictions, the law be so modified as to allow any Grand Lodge to return to the three months term for their Subordinates whenever they think the Order would be benefited by the change.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved to amend by referring the resolution to the Legislative Committee.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to refer to a special committee, it was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Froment, of Southern New York, Hunter, of Virginia, and Pruett, of Kentucky, as the committee.

Rep. Connelly, of Mississippi, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to ask of the Grand Lodge of the United States to fix a uniform term of the serving of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge without reference to the number of nights of stated meetings held by the Subordinate Lodges in the same term, provided that at least one meeting is held in each calendar month.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the new Constitution when taken up be acted on by sections, and no Representative shall be allowed to speak more than once to a section, nor longer than three minutes.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour, pursuant to the order adopted this day.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, when

Rep. Ninde, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That three thousand copies of the Grand Secretary's report be printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was not adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be directed to procure a clock, and place the same within this Hall, at an expense not to exceed twenty dollars.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that the credentials of P. C. P. S. J. A. Gyles, as a Representative from the Grand

Encampment of South Carolina, were received by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and from some cause have been mislaid by that worthy officer. The Grand Secretary represents them as having been in due form and properly authenticated.

The committee therefore recommend that Bro. Gyles be recognized as a Representative on the floor.

G. W. RACE,
ANSON JONES.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which, on his motion, was referred as follows, viz: the first resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, the second and third to the Legislative Committee, and the fourth to the Finance Committee:

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge instruct her Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to endeavor to procure the passage of a law or laws, by that Grand Body, to prevent the initiation of persons holding membership in, or connected with any society or association by the obligations or requirements of which the secrets of this Order may be endangered.

2. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge instruct her Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to use their efforts to procure the passage of a law giving to the Grand Lodge of the different States diagrams of the unwritten work of the Order.

3. *Resolved*, That the Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States from this Grand Lodge be requested to bring before that body the necessity of having the charge books so changed as to make them comply with the laws of the Order.

4. *Resolved*, That our Representatives be instructed to bring before the Grand Lodge of the United States the propriety of having a book of odes for the benefit of the Order throughout the jurisdiction of that body.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the several State Grand Lodges be and hereby are authorized at their option to grant dispensations to such of their subordinates as may apply therefor to hold their meetings monthly or semi-monthly instead of weekly, it being understood that the officers shall serve the usual number of Lodge nights to constitute a term.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, moved to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to refer to the Legislative Committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Carpenter, of Vermont, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to ascertain on what questions, if any, the appointed officers of Grand Lodges are allowed to vote; also, whether a Past Grand Master, who is also a Grand Representative, is entitled to two votes.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed upon the back of all Visiting Cards which may hereafter be issued from his office, the blank form of certificate relative to benefits, as passed by this Grand Body at its last session.

On motion of Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, to lay the resolve on the table, it was not agreed to, and the resolution was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

If ten members present their "withdrawal cards" to the Grand Officers and receive a dispensation creating a new Lodge in the name of the ten, and only seven should be present when said Lodge is instituted, what steps, if any, are necessary to constitute the three who were absent at the time members?

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. A. Massey, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Wheeler, of Rhode Island, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have carefully examined the documents submitted by P. G. John L. Lewis, Jr., from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, and although they are informal, yet the committee are satisfied that he was duly elected, and is entitled to his seat on this floor as a Representative from said Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend that he be recognised as such.

G. W. RACE,
WM. ENGLISH,
ANSON JONES.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, having in view the passage of a law, by this Grand Body, to prevent the initiation of persons holding membership in or connected with any society or association by the obligations or requirements of which the secrets of this Order may

be endangered, beg leave to report that the resolution contemplates new legislation and more appropriately belongs to the Legislative Committee. The Committee on the State of the Order respectfully asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATHL. F. DEERING.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, instructing the Grand Secretary "to have printed upon the back of all visiting cards which may hereafter be issued from his office, the blank form of certificate relative to benefits, as passed by this Grand Body at its last session," report that the resolution involves the necessity of new legislation, and this committee cannot with propriety act upon it. We recommend its reference to the Legislative Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATHL. F. DEERING.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, when, on motion, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Sire, in order that they might suggest a reference of the several subjects therein treated of to appropriate committees, have performed the duty imposed, and beg leave to report the following recommendations:

That so much thereof as relates to the indebtedness of individuals to this Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to the subject of dues and benefits to a special committee.

So much as relates to the Order in British North America to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the decisions of the Grand Sire, his correspondence, and his opinions of duty in connection therewith, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
J. G. DUNLAP,
ADDISON M. SMITH.

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, when, on motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for distribution, respectfully report that—

So much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to the "blank forms of the reports for vital statistics," and his remarks thereon, be referred to a select committee.

So much as refers to the amendment of the journal in reference to the resolutions of Rep. Williams, of Ohio, and Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, to the Legislative Committee; and

The receipts and disbursements, with report of Grand Treasurer, to the Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
J. G. DUNLAP,
ADDISON M. SMITH.

Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, from the majority of the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to which was referred the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the six months terms having failed to be beneficial to the Order in some of the State Jurisdictions, the law be so modified as to allow any Grand Lodge to return to the three months term for their Subordinates, whenever they think the Order would be benefited by the change—

have, according to order, had the subject under consideration, and respectfully report, that the committee invited from the Representatives of the Grand Bodies asking the proposed change a full expression of their views, and have carefully weighed the arguments presented, but have been unable to reach the belief that the good of the Order would be promoted either by making the proposed change general, or allowing it to be made by State Grand Lodges within their respective jurisdictions. The committee do not deem it expedient to recapitulate the reasons which originally induced the change from terms of three months to those of six months, but would remind the Grand Lodge that the discussions which have been had from time to time upon propositions to return to three months terms have shown that the present arrangement is satisfactory to a large majority of the Grand Lodges. If the progress of the Order is retarded in the jurisdictions which ask the change, your committee cannot believe that the cause of declension is to be found in the existence of the six months terms. If they could trace the declension to this clause, it would be a matter for grave

and careful consideration how far it is safe and expedient to set a precedent for partial legislation, or commit important subjects of legislation to State Grand Bodies, and thereby destroy the uniformity that should exist in the legislation of the Order. It would be of doubtful expediency to permit the Lodges within one jurisdiction to make Past Grands twice as fast as in another. If the honors of office are to be regarded as rewards for services, should not the same amount of service be required in every jurisdiction? In view of these considerations, and not having confidence in the proposed change as a remedy for any existing evil, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to change the law concerning the length of official terms in Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND P. HUNTER,
JOHN W. PRUETT.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, a minority of the special committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Representative of Southern New York relative to the three months term for subordinates, begs leave most respectfully to report:

That the committee met to consider the subject, and the Representatives from Southern and Northern New York were invited to meet with them, that the committee might receive such information as would aid them in the discharge of their duties. It appears from the information obtained that the Order in Southern New York has never received the alteration of the term from three to six months with favor. Such being the case, the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States from that jurisdiction have been repeatedly instructed to vote for the restoration of the short term for subordinates. This they have been unable to accomplish, the Grand Lodge of the United States refusing to grant this reasonable and respectful request. The action had by this R. W. Body on this subject, instead of suppressing the feeling in favor, has been only calculated to increase the activity of those who feel they have a right to ask and should receive the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge. The Order in Southern New York is now, and has been for some time past, in a languishing condition; those who have an opportunity of knowing, and are more immediately interested in its prosperity, attribute it, to a great extent, to this cause. While both jurisdictions in New York ask this for themselves, they have no desire that others should adopt it unless they should find it to their interest to do so, believing that each jurisdiction is fully competent to act for their subordinates in this matter, and upon a subject that they alone are interested in.

The Representatives from Northern New York also agree as to the propriety of the restoration of the three months terms, believing it would be vastly beneficial to the Order ir their jurisdiction. This being the case, then why any objection? Why continue a law that works injurious to one portion of the Order, when all should feel interested in its welfare and prosperity? While regretting exceedingly that I am compelled to differ with my respective associates, I am fully convinced the interests of the Order will be promoted by the adoption of the following resolution. Doubting the soundness of the views heretofore expressed by this R. W. Body in assuming supreme control of this matter, and believing it to be a subject for local legislation, your favorable consideration is asked on this subject:

*Resolved*, That each Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action in regard to the length of terms for officers of Subordinate Lodges as such Grand Body may deem expedient.

*Resolved*, That all existing laws and regulations which interfere with such freedom of action on the part of Grand Lodges are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorised to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge; and that on Thursday at 12½ o'clock, the Grand Lodge will take a recess of one hour, for the purpose of enabling the members to procure signatures of Officers and Representatives thereto.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorised to present one copy of the bound journal and digest of the laws and proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the desk of each Jurisdiction be furnished with one copy of the bound volume for the use of its Representatives during the session.

Rep. Bryson, of Mississippi, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to enquire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States whether or not a Grand Master of one State can on the written request of the acting Grand Master of another State, confer on a qualified Past Grand the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees, and if not, that our Grand Representatives be required to offer a resolution in the affirmative, or amendment of the constitution in this behalf.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to co-operate with the representation of the Grand Encampment of the State of Mississippi in securing such an incorporation of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments as will secure an ascending series of nine degrees in Odd-Fellowship.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of North Carolina upon the subject of merging the two branches of the Order.

On his motion the same were referred to the Legislative Committee.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of M. W. Grand Sire, when the following were made:

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| By Rep. Hunter, of Va., | P. G. M. D. P. Barnard, of N. N. Y. |
| By Rep. Thompson, of Mass., | P. G. M. Wm. Ellison, of Mass. |
| By Rep. Wheeler, of R. I., | P. G. M. H. A. Manchester, of R. I. |
| By Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., | P. G. Rep. S. Colfax, of Ind. |
| By Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., | P. G. M. A. Jones, of Texas. |
| By Rep. Tufts, of N. H., | P. G. M. Thos. T. Smiley, of Tenn. |
| By Rep. Brown, of Conn., | G. Chap. J. M. Willey, of Conn. |
| By Rep. Boylston, of S. C., | P. G. M. W. L. Steele, of N. C. |
| By Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., | P. G. M. P. Della Torre, of S. C. |

Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, enquired of the Chair whether it would be in order to make a new nomination after the ballot had been commenced?

The Grand Sire decided that it would not be in order.

Rep. Gyles of South Carolina, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Rep. Gyles stated that, in consequence of the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, he would be obliged to make a nomination which he would prefer to reserve, if it were legal to make a nomination after the ballot had commenced; that it was possible that many ballots would take place before an election, and the Representatives might finally unite on some person not a candidate; with this view he nominated P. G. Sire Griffin.

P. G. M. P. Della Torre declined the nomination as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

The nominations being now closed, the Chair named Rep. Askew, of Delaware, Lucas, of California, and Deering, of Maine, as tellers, and the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers reported that ninety-six votes had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. Rep. S. Colfax received | - | 20 |
| P. G. M. D. P. Barnard | " - | - 15 |
| P. G. M. Wm. Ellison | " | - 31 |
| P. G. Sire R. H. Griffin | " - | - 2 |
| P. G. M. H. A. Manchester | " | - 7 |
| P. G. M. Anson Jones | " - | - 4 |
| P. G. M. Thos. T. Smiley | " | - 7 |
| G. Chap. J. M. Willey | " - | - 4 |
| P. G. M. W. L. Steele | " | - 6 |

Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Prior to entering upon the ballot, by permission of the Grand Lodge, Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

GRAND SIRE,—I rise to make an explanation. P. G. Sire Griffin has been put in nomination for Grand Sire. The Representatives from Georgia did not vote for him,—they had no part or agency in his nomination, and are in no wise either directly or indirectly responsible for it. Under other circumstances, it is useless for me to say, that there is no man whom it would have given us more pleasure to support. The nomination has doubtless been made without his knowledge, and I think I know him well enough to say that having already received and enjoyed the highest honors of the Order, were he now present he would protest against this use of his name. We did not nominate him, and do not, under the circumstances, feel at liberty to withdraw his name. In justice to him, as well as to relieve ourselves from an unpleasant position, we could not do less than make this statement.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported the following result, viz: that ninety-three ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. Wm. Ellison | received | 39 |
| P. G. Rep. S. Colfax | " | 22 |
| P. G. M. D. P. Barnard | " | 17 |
| P. G. M. H. A. Manchester | " | 4 |
| P. G. M. A. Jones | " | 2 |
| P. G. M. T. T. Smiley | " | 6 |
| P. G. M. W. L. Steele | " | 3 |

Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

After the second ballot, by permission of the Grand Lodge,

Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, explained that he was put in nomination by the Representative from New Hampshire without his consent—that he regarded it as a compliment from a personal friend, and did not wish to be considered as a candidate. He therefore asked permission to withdraw his name, which was granted.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Anson Jones, of Texas.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. W. L. Steele.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that ninety-six votes had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. Wm. Ellison | received | 52 |
| P. G. M. D. P. Barnard | " | 13 |
| P. G. Rep. S. Colfax | " | 30 |
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The Chair accordingly announced that P. G. M. WM. ELLISON, of Massachusetts, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly chosen M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W D. G. Sire, when the following were made:

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| By Rep. Billinghurst, of Wis., | P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Va. |
| By Rep. Foute, of Miss., | P. G. P. Geo. W. Race, of La. |
| By Rep. Bayley, of Md., | P. G. M. I. D. Williamson, of Ala. |
| By Rep. Clarke, of Del., | P. G. M. H. F. Askew, of Del. |
| By Rep. Benedict, of Conn., | P. G. M. A. Jones, of Texas. |
| By Rep. Durham, of Ky., | P. G. M. E. P. Hunter, of Va. |
| By Rep. Benedict, of Conn., | P. G. M. I. M. Veitch, of Mo. |
| By Rep. Day, of Tenn., | P. G. P. Hackleman, of Indiana. |

Reps. Askew, of Delaware; Jones, of Texas; Hunter, of Virginia, and Hackleman, of Indiana, each declined being candidates for the office of R. W. D. G. Sire.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that ninety-three ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. E. C. Robinson received | 32 |
| P. G. M. I. D. Williamson " - | 12 |
| P. G. M. I. M. Veitch " - - | 17 |
| P. G. P. George W. Race " - | 32 |

Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that ninety-three ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. E. C. Robinson received | 28 |
| P. G. P. George W. Race " - | 49 |
| P. G. M. I. M. Veitch " - - | 16 |

The Chair accordingly declared that P. G. P. GEORGE W. RACE, of Louisiana, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly chosen R. W. D. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Recording Secretary, when the following was made:

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| By Rep. Steele, of N. C., | P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md. |

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to election, when the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that ninety-two ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. Jas. L. Ridgely had received | 90 |
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Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived—

On motion of Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, the recess was postponed until after the election of the Grand Treasurer.

The Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following was made:

By Rep. Askew, of Del., P. G. Joshua Vansant, of Md.

The nominations being closed, and the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that fifty-five ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. Joshua Vansant received | 53 |
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Whereupon the Grand Sire declared that P. G. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. Smith, of Northern New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved,* That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to take into consideration the propriety of procuring the passage of a law permitting members of the scarlet degree who may withdraw from their Subordinate Lodges to retain their membership in the Encampment.

WHEREAS the books containing the unwritten work and instructions for Grand Encampments now in possession of the officers of the Grand Encampment are of an old edition, and that a new edition has been issued, therefore

*Resolved,* That the Grand Representatives from this R. W. Grand Body be instructed to procure two copies of the same and place them in the possession of the Grand Patriarch.

The Lodge now took a recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

The Chair announced the following as the committee provided for by the report of the special committee on the Grand Sire's Report:

*Special Committee on Dues and Benefits.*—Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, Bayley, of Maryland, and Durham, of Kentucky.

The hour having arrived for taking up for consideration the special order, to wit: the Report of the Committee on the Constitution,

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

*Resolved,* That in acting upon the new Constitution it be read by sections, and the vote taken separately upon each section.

The Grand Sire called Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, to the chair.

After some time passed in Committee of the Whole, Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, from that committee, made the following re-

port, when the rule was suspended and the report was considered and concurred in :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the report of the committee on the proposed Constitution submitted at the last session of this Grand Lodge, beg to report that they have had the matter referred to them under consideration, have made progress therein, and request leave to sit again.

PETER DELLA TORRE, *Chairman Committee.*

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, when the rule was suspended and the report was considered :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session have examined the journal and find as follows :

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

An amendment to the 18th Article, proposed by Rep. Hayward, of Ohio.—See Journal, page 2125.

Amendments to Articles 9, 12, 16, 18 and 19, proposed by Rep. Clarke, of Delaware, and to be found on pages 2158 and 2159 of the Journal.

An amendment to Article 18, proposed by Rep. Askew, of Delaware. Journal, page 2159.

An amendment to Articles 11, 19 and 21, proposed by Rep. Williams, of Ohio.—See Journal, page 2159.

An amendment to Article 18, proposed by Rep. Colfax, of Indiana. Journal, page 2163.

Amendments to Articles 10th and 11th, proposed by Rep. Jones, of Texas. Journal, page 2165.

Amendments proposed by Rep. Steele, of North Carolina.—See Journal, page 2166.

Report of Committee on Appeals—on the appeal of J. W. Marks, from a decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Journal, page 2172.

Report from same committee, on the appeal of P. G. Race, from a decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.—See Journal, page 2170.

Report from same committee, upon the appeal of Washington Lodge, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the case of P. G. J. H. Ing.—See Journal, page 2181.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
J. S. HICKS,
F. M. BROWN.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, so much of the report under consideration which relates to amendments of the proposed new Constitution be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, inquired of the Chair whether amendments to the proposed new Constitution could be now made.

The Chair ruled that amendments offered at the last session, and now lying on the table, were in order, but that no new amendment could now be offered.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved that the Lodge now consider the amendment to Article 18 of the Constitution, proposed by him at the last session, page 2159 Journal, as follows:

Amend Article 18 of the Constitution by inserting the words "and amended" after the words "may be considered," in the fourth and fifth lines, which was agreed to, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment—

Rep. Brown, of Connecticut, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed to Article 18 of the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Barry, of Ind., Bell, Billinghurst, (2 votes,) Boylston, Bridgman, Carpenter, Clark, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Eckel, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Foute, Froment, Granniss, Gobright, Gyles, Hackleman, Hicks, Hunter, Jones, of D. of C., Mathews, Massey, Mountfort, Ninde, Pruett, Russel, Steele, of N. C., Tufts, Tuthill, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Woolsey, Wolford, Young—40.

NAYS.—Banks, Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Bier, Benedict, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Bryson, Craighead, Connelly, Cheney, Cunningham, Day, Deering, Dunlap, Ellison, English, Glenn, Hale, Hodgson, Hopkins, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Marley, Mickle, (2 votes,) Moss, Mulford, Purdin, Race, Robinson, Rucker, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of N. N. Y., (2 votes,) Smith, of Ala., Steele, N. H., Thompson, Veitch, Wheeler, Williamson, Wilstack, Woodruff, and Woodward—54.

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, the Lodge agreed to consider the proposed amendment to the Constitution, page 2163, as follows:

Amend Article 18 of the Constitution by adding, "two-thirds of the members present may amend the verbal phraseology of any pending amendment, at the time it is taken up for final action."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind,, Bell, Bier, Billinghurst, (2 votes,) Benedict, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Bryson, Craighead, Carpenter, Connelly, Clark, Cheney, Cunningham, Day, Deering, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Foute, Granniss, Glenn, Gobright, Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hicks, Hodgson, Hopkins, Hunter, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, (2 votes,) Kellogg, (2 votes,) Lambert, Lamberton, Long, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, (2 votes,) Mickle, Moss, Mulford, Ninde, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, Rucker, Russel, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of N. N.Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, N. H., Steele, N. C., Thomp-

son, Tufts, Tuthill, Veitch, Whalin, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Williamson, Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Woodruff, Woodward, and Young—93.

NAYS—Froment, Lewis, Mountford—3.

So the proposed amendment was adopted, and forms a part of the Constitution.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved that the Lodge now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the Constitution.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, inquired whether it was now in order to move to discharge the Committee of the Whole.

The Chair ruled that such a motion was not now in order.

The question being on the motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, that the Lodge resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Constitution,

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was agreed to, and the Lodge accordingly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, in the chair.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair,

Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred sundry matters connected with the form of Constitution submitted at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, have made progress therein, and ask leave to sit again.

PETER DELLA TORRE, *Chairman Committee.*

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, "presents instructions from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York touching the printing of the form of certificate in relation to benefits upon visiting cards; also, in relation to the restoration of the three months term; also, in relation to some organized form of operation for the Daughters of Rebekah, touching the care and relief of each other in case of sickness, &c.; also in relation to a form of installation for Degree Lodges, and also in respect to a form for dedicating halls," which, on his motion, were ordered to lie on the table.

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. A. Massey, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials most respectfully report that the certificate of P. G. Edward Whalin, as a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, is duly authenticated, and that he is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

G. W. RACE,
ANSON JONES,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that P. G. Harrison H. Dodd and P. G. H. N. Clark claim the same seat on this floor as the Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio.

Your committee, with a view to a fair and thorough investigation of their respective claims, summoned before them both contestants and the whole delegation from Ohio.

Upon learning from the parties in interest that this whole question came up by an appeal from the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and is now in the hands of your Committee on Appeals—and upon learning, as well from an inspection of the documents submitted, as from the admissions of the parties themselves, that the merits of this controversy and the rights of the contestants to a seat in this Grand Lodge must necessarily be passed upon by your action upon said appeal, this committee consider that it would be both unnecessary and manifestly improper for them at this time to attempt to enter into the merits of this case.

Bro. Dodd claims the seat by virtue of an appointment, as evidenced by a certificate, in due form, attested by the Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, under the seal thereof, dated April 14th, 1854. The Grand Officers who signed this certificate are the same who signed the last annual report of said Grand Encampment of Ohio to this Grand Lodge, which is now on file in the office of your Grand Secretary.

Bro. Clark, on the contrary, claims the seat by virtue of an election, as evidenced by a certificate of date August 31st, 1854, which is under the seal of said Grand Encampment and signed by *pro tempore* officers.

Both certificates, therefore, are in due form of law, and each party contends that the brethren who issued his certificate, to the exclusion of the others, do now constitute the Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment of Ohio. Therefore, the right of these two contestants, or either of them, to a seat on this floor, necessarily involves the legal existence of the two bodies that issued them.

Your committee, therefore, for fear of prejudicing the case by at-

tempting to make a prima facie showing in favor of either party, and believing, as they do, it not to be within their province to go into the merits of this case, as the Committee on Appeals have that under consideration, most respectfully ask to be excused from making any further report in the premises until after the Committee on Appeals shall have made their report on the same subject, and this Grand Lodge shall have acted thereon. Respectfully.

G. W. RACE.
ANSON JONES,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to recommit the report to the Committee on Credentials, with instructions to report that P. G. Harrison H. Dodd is the duly chosen R. W. Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and is entitled to his seat as such.

The question being on the motion to recommit with instructions, and a debate upon the merits being in progress—

Rep. Jones, of North Carolina, made the following point of order:

"Is a debate upon the merits in order upon a motion to recommit the report of a committee?"

The Chair ruled the debate to be in order, the motion under consideration being to recommit with "*instructions.*"

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to lay the resolution to recommit on the table.

At this stage of the proceeding the previous question was moved, when the Chair ruled that the motion to lay on the table was a privileged question, and the motion for the previous question did not take precedence of it.

From this decision Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, appealed, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to lay the resolution of Rep. Williams on the table, the same was adopted.

The question recurring upon the report of the committee—

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the report of the Committee on Credentials be recommitted, with instructions to report on the merits of the claims of Representative of Grand Encampment of Ohio, and that they be authorised to send for persons and papers.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's Report which refers to the proposition of the Canadian Order, in connection with the Manchester Unity, for an inter-communion between that organization and the Order under

the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, beg leave to report: That the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot lend a favorable ear to such a proposition unless it is accompanied with an indication on the part of the Canadian Order of a willingness to assume our obligations, conform to our work, and abandon their own organization. When a proposal of that character is submitted, this Grand Body will give it a favorable consideration; until it is done the policy of this Grand Body, for a long period of time, has been so firmly fixed as to preclude it from taking further action upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATH'L F. DEERING.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the various decisions made by him during the recess, and also so much of his report as relates to the state of the Order in British North America, respectfully state that they have considered the same, and report as follows:

That they recommend the confirmation of the twelve decisions, which are distinctly stated in said report.

In relation to the state of the Order in British North America, the committee further report that the prompt manner in which the M. W. Grand Sire complied with the request of the Grand Lodge at its last session, in personally visiting that unfortunate jurisdiction, was in accordance with the zeal he has always exhibited in advancing the glorious objects of the Order. At the session of 1853, the report of the then Grand Sire of the deplorable situation of British North American Lodges called forth the sympathy of the Representatives. At this session the grateful intelligence is announced that not only has spirit and zeal revived in the old Lodges, but that the Grand Lodge is called upon to confirm warrants granted for new Lodges.

The committee recommend the approval of the divisions of the jurisdiction in question into the districts described in the report, and also the substitution of a charter for Acadia Lodge, No. 26, Halifax, from the Grand Lodge of the United States, in place of that formerly granted by the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The committee recommend the approval and confirmation of the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in granting warrants for the following Lodges: Rose Lodge, No. 28, Amherstburg, Canada West; Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham, Canada West; Eureka Lodge, No. 30, London, Canada West; Morpeth Lodge, No. 31, Morpeth, Canada West; Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas, Canada West; Erie Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, Canada West. And that charters be also granted to Eas-

tern Star Lodge, No. 34, at Pictou, Nova Scotia; and Cobeynid Lodge, No. 35, at Truro, Nova Scotia, notwithstanding the irregularity stated.

The committee concur fully with the M. W. Grand Sire in the necessity of a visitation of the jurisdiction of British North America, and recommend that the M. W. Grand Sire be requested and authorised, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, to make the visitation himself. His official position will exert more influence than could be exerted by any Deputy.

But in the event of his being unable personally to visit, that he appoint some well qualified brother, clothed with the powers recommended by the Grand Sire in his report, as his Deputy, to make the visitation.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH.
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATH'L F. DEERING.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the interrogatories embodied in a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, by which her Representatives were instructed to ascertain on what questions, if any, the appointed officers of Grand Lodges are allowed to vote; also, whether a Past Grand Master, who is also a Grand Representative, is entitled to two votes, respectfully report:

That the fact of a member of a Grand Lodge being an appointed officer, a Past Grand Master, or a Grand Representative, confers upon him no peculiar privilege in respect to voting. When his Grand Lodge is composed of all the Past Grands in good standing within its jurisdiction, such a member votes as every other Past Grand does, and simply because he is a Past Grand. Where his Grand Lodge has adopted a representative system, unless he has been elected and is duly accredited as a member, he is not entitled to vote at all, except in the election of Grand Officers, when all Past Grands in good standing in the jurisdiction are ex-officio entitled to a vote. His privilege of voting arises altogether from the fact of his being a Past Grand in good standing in his jurisdiction, in the one case, and in the other because he has been elected and accredited, and not because he may chance to occupy any or either of the stations mentioned in the interrogatories.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATH'L F. DEERING.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following interrogatory from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, to wit: "If ten

members present their withdrawal cards to the Grand Officers, and receive a dispensation creating a new Lodge in the name of the ten, and only seven should be present when said Lodge is instituted, what steps, if any, are necessary to constitute the three who were absent at the time members," beg leave to report, that although the dispensation authorizes and empowers the ten to constitute a Lodge, yet its membership is composed only of those who pursuant to that authority appear and assume before the instituting officer the obligations required by our laws. The absentees can only gain admittance by withdrawing their cards from the hands of the Grand Officers, and applying in the usual mode for admission to membership by card.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATH'L F. DEERING.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the order of business was suspended, and the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2250, recommending the reference to the Legislative Committee of the resolution of Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, touching the initiation of persons holding membership in certain other societies, which was adopted, and the subject referred to the Legislative Committee.

Also, the report of the same committee, page 2251, on the resolution of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, touching the endorsement of visiting cards, which was adopted, and the subject referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee beg leave to report the following upon the subject of initiating members of other societies whose obligations may endanger our own society:

We see no necessity for the passage of such a law as is proposed. All Lodges have now the right to reject such applicants as they may regard unworthy, and it is their own fault if such persons gain admission.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee beg leave to make the following report on the subject of the resolution of Rep. Smith, of Northern New York:

We cannot think that it would be wise to allow members who have withdrawn from Subordinate Lodges to retain their Encampment mem-

bership. It would produce opposition and turmoil between Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, tending to the injury of the Order.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, asking legislation so as to allow meetings of Subordinate Lodges to be semi-monthly and monthly, &c., ask leave to report—

That such authority now exists, and it was so stated before a reference of the resolution was made. There is, therefore, no necessity for any legislation on the subject.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, providing that the certificate relative to benefits shall be printed on the back of visiting cards, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they think the resolution is highly proper, and with this view ask leave to report the same back to the Lodge and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed upon the back of all visiting cards which may hereafter be issued from his office, the blank form of certificate relative to benefits, as passed by this Grand Body at its last session.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution from the State of Mississippi relative to the powers of a Grand Master in certain cases, beg leave to report that the subject appropriately belongs to the Committee on the State of the Order, to which they suggest it be referred. Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH. N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Ohio relative to "having the charge books so changed as to make them comply with the laws of the Order," report that they have considered the same, and submit the following resolution in relation thereto:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to change the word "quarterly" to "semi-annually" wherever the former occurs in the charge books, in subsequent editions of said books.

LUTHER J. GLENN,
WALTER L. STEELE,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Ohio relative to giving to the Grand Lodges of the different States diagrams of the unwritten work of the Order, have considered the same, and report that they can see no good reason why the request of the Grand Lodge of Ohio should be granted, but, on the other hand, believe that if a book of diagrams were furnished as asked, incalculable evil might result to the Order. We therefore recommend that the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Ohio be indefinitely postponed.

LUTHER J. GLENN,
WALTER L. STEELE,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 3, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, beg leave to report as follows: Bro. Pomet, who held the office of Permanent Secretary of Washington Lodge, resigned his office after serving about four months, and presented a bill for his services, which the Lodge refused to pay, contending that he had forfeited all claim for remuneration in consequence of not serving out the whole term—the Lodge relying upon that clause in the constitution which says "a brother elected to fill a vacancy is entitled to the rights, privileges and honors of the full term." Bro. Pomet appealed to the Grand Lodge, who decided that the clause in the Constitution had reference only to the honors, and not the emoluments of office; and that a brother elected to fill a vacancy had no claim to the earnings of his predecessor. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana

adopted this view of the case and reversed the decision of Washington Lodge, whereupon Washington Lodge obtained consent to appeal to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee can add nothing to the able report of the committee of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and believe that their decision was a correct one. The committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the case of the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 3, be affirmed by this Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find that its provisions are in harmony with the Constitution and laws of this R. W. Grand Body. It is not properly authenticated, but as it was officially presented by the Representative of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, your committee recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, adopted January 26, 1854, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, beg leave to report:

That on examination they find the same to be in harmony with the Constitution and laws of your Right Worthy Grand Body; some slight modifications are, however, necessary. They recommend that the latter clause of section 6, article 5 of the Constitution, which is as follows: "And if informality or want of fairness is shown in the former trial, the Grand Lodge may order a new trial," be struck out as surplusage. As there is no Grand Encampment in New Mexico, they recommend that the words "Grand Encampment," in the 7th section of the same article be stricken out, and the words "proper authority" be inserted in lieu thereof. They further recommend that the follow-

ing words be added at the end of section 2, article 10—"and shall not go into effect until approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the Grand Encampment of New Mexico after the organization of such Grand Encampment." With these alterations and amendments your committee recommend that said Constitution be approved, and the alterations and amendments certified to said Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, having duly examined the bids for printing the daily revised journal of proceedings of this Grand Lodge respectfully report, that the proposal offered by Bro. James Young was found to be the lowest, and has been accepted by your committee, and a contract entered into for the execution of the work in conformity with his bid. The journal is to be printed upon paper a sample of which accompanies this report.

JOHN W. HODGSON,
CHARLES H. DENISON,
MATHEW PURDIN.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the subject of vital statistics, respectfully ask leave to submit the following:

Your committee are fully satisfied that the safety, the permanency, and even the continued existence of our Order, as a reliable and solvent institution, are deeply involved in the matter committed to their charge, and have, therefore, given it their earnest attention. It should be remembered in the outset that the position of Odd-Fellowship, and the *modus operandi* of its benefactions, are peculiar. It is not to be placed upon the category of mere institutions of charity, whose mission it is to give or withhold at option, and whose privilege it is to measure the amount of aid to the distressed by circumstances and their ability for the time being. It stands rather upon the more elevated ground of an institution which seeks to prevent rather than relieve deep distress. The difference between the former and the latter is world-wide. The one gives alms, the other relieves from the necessity of asking alms—the one cures an evil that exists, the other saves from its occurrence—the one waits until a man has fallen and then helps him to rise, the other sees his first feeble step and supports

him so that he need not fall—the one waits till the purse is exhausted and the larder empty ere it affords aid, the other replenishes them so that their stores are not dissipated—the one crushes the spirit by reducing the recipient of its benefactions to the humiliating necessity of asking alms, the other preserves his self-respect by enabling him to stand erect and demand that for which he has paid, and to which he is entitled in virtue of the contract into which he has entered—the one feeds the beggar at the door, the other prevents the necessity of going out to beg—in short, the one takes care of its members in the name of charity, the other enables them to take care of themselves in the name of *justice*. Which of these is the higher form of charity and the most beneficent in practice. And whether those who would preserve this feature of Odd-Fellowship are justly chargeable with a design to degrade the Order, and bring it down to a level with the mercenary insurance company, got up for gain and with an eye single to the dividends, it is not difficult for candor to decide. It is manifest, however, at a moment's thought, that it can only be preserved by reducing its operations to the basis of science and by a sacred regard to those laws of income and expenditure that are at the foundation of all prosperity in temporal affairs. An ordinary charitable society, which gives at option and according to its present ability and the exigencies of the case, is in no danger of bankruptcy, for the reason that it has no contracts to meet—no claims for any specific amount that can be demanded and enforced. But when an institution says, by its positive enactments and fundamental laws, to every man who enters its portals, "sir, in consideration of the sums you have paid and shall pay into our funds, and in the further consideration of your obedience to our rules and regulations, your draft upon our treasury for five dollars per week when you are sick, and the draft of your family for fifty dollars at your death, shall be duly honored and paid," the transaction assumes the character of a "promise to pay," and it must be fulfilled, or faith is forfeited and bankruptcy ensues. Such are the engagements of Odd-Fellowship, and the child can see that there is no safety—no assurance of solvency, except in an accurate adjustment of income to expenditure, so that the latter shall not exceed the former. Hitherto there have been no data upon which we could rely in this adjustment. The tables reported to this Grand Lodge at its last session are the only tables known to your committee founded upon the experience of this country, and they claim no more than an approximation to the exact truth. The result has been that the proportion of dues to benefits has been arbitrarily adjusted, and no man has known whether the sums paid into the Lodges were sufficient to enable them to meet their engagements in all time to come. That many mistakes and errors have been made is evident from the fact that many of our Lodges are compelled to resort to extra assessments to relieve themselves from their embarrassments; and some are even petitioning for leave to suspend the payment of benefits. The fact is becoming more and more apparent that the time is not far distant when one of two things *must* be done. We must either abolish our present system of

benefits entirely, leaving the amount of payments to the sick at the option of the Lodge, to give or withhold at pleasure, and thus abandon the proud eminence upon which we have stood as an Order of practical beneficence, or we must see to it that our dues are so graduated as to give us enough to meet all our engagements.

To the question whether this can be done, your committee most unhesitatingly answer in the affirmative. There is a rate of sickness and mortality—there is a law of nature, which, upon a large scale, moves with the regularity of the spheres, and is as reliable as the return of day and night or the succession of the seasons. We only want facts and statistics to detect and define this law that we may conform to it. Knowing the rates of sickness and mortality, we know how fast our contracts mature, and can adjust our income to our expenditures. These facts are accessible. They are daily passing before our eyes, and are cognizable by all our Lodges. Nay, more; they enter into the business of every Lodge night, and we have only to gather and preserve them in order to arrive at the much needed truth. It is no impracticable or hard task for the Lodges to report annually the ages of their members, the amount of their sickness at each age, and the number and age of those who die. The simple proposition is to collect, collate and preserve these facts, that they may be available for our future guidance—that the past may speak to us and point us to the path of safety.

Your committee are constrained to dissent from the position that this Grand Lodge has not obtained sufficient information to enable it to do anything in the premises. It is precisely this *information* that we are seeking, and surely it is not to be presumed that any body of men has so little of information that it cannot seek more. Nor do your committee conceive that there is any necessity of a great or radical change in the legislation already had upon the subject. In justice to the R. W. Grand Secretary it is proper to say that, according to the information of the committee, when his report was written very few statistical reports had reached his office. Since that time, however, he has come in possession of reports from a constituency of some 75,000. When it is known that the most reliable tables in existence—those formed by an association of eminent actuaries in England—are drawn from the experience of only 68,000 lives, it will be perceived that this Grand Lodge is already in possession of treasures that are of immense value to the cause of science. When your committee call to mind the slight interest that has been manifested in this matter by the State Grand Lodges—when they remember that few of these Lodges have complied with the mandate of this Grand Lodge in the matter of requiring their Subordinates to make the reports—the fact that so many have reported at the mere suggestion of this Body is encouraging, and should cause us no longer to doubt as to the feasibility or practicability of the proposed measure. It is true that it will take time to accomplish this work. Five years, at least, must elapse before there can be gathered a sufficient amount of experience upon which to found reliable calculations for the future; and even that will need the correction of further experience.

Your committee are further satisfied that the plan of collecting their statistics in an aggregated form through the Grand Secretaries of the different Grand Lodges, is not practicable. Many and perhaps most of the Grand Secretaries will be found unskilled in business of this sort; and their reports, if vitiated by a single error, will be unavailable for the purposes contemplated, and there will be in hand no means of correcting them. Your committee believe that the original reports should be here, and that the work of collating them and deducing from them their true scientific results should be performed by one mind and one hand well trained in this business. As a matter of economy also, it will be found easier and cheaper to pay one man than some thirty for the performance of this work.

It is the opinion of your committee that the law of this Grand Lodge, requiring the State Grand Lodges to direct their Subordinates to make their annual statistical reports, should remain in full force and virtue, and be carried into effect. That for the sake of securing uniformity this Grand Lodge should continue to furnish blank forms of said report. It is confidently believed that perseverance in this course will secure ample returns.

The disposition of these reports when made remains to be considered. The R. W. Grand Secretary informs this Grand Lodge, of what all must be well aware, that it will be impossible for him to perform the extra amount of labor that will be necessary to accomplish the proposed object. Your committee are of opinion that a bureau of vital statistics should be opened in the office of the Grand Secretary, and an actuary appointed, to whom the care of this department should be confided. He should hold his office for at least five years, and should receive such compensation as this Grand Lodge may from time to time determine. He should report annually to the Grand Lodge, and at the end of his term make up a final report, embodying the experience of the whole, and the scientific deductions and results. In this manner this Grand Lodge may collect a mass of information such as the world does not contain, which will not only afford a guide for the future operations of our vast fraternity, but also make a contribution to science which would more than remunerate this Grand Lodge for all the expense it may have incurred. In fact, eagerly sought as documents of this sort are, by men of science; by all beneficial societies; by life and health insurance companies, and those interested in annuities, it is presumed that even the annual reports of an actuary, having access to such means of information, might be made to defray the entire expenses of the department, if not to afford a source of revenue to the Grand Lodge.

Your committee are well aware that many objections have been urged against this measure; more often, however, by those who do not comprehend its scope and drift than by those who are well versed in its import. It is said that statistics thus gathered from the experience of our Order will afford no reliable index to the rate of sickness and mortality in the community at large. If this were so, it is enough to say that the experience of Odd-Fellows, and not of the entire com-

munity, is precisely what is wanted for the evidence of the operations of Odd-Fellowship. It is, however, a mistaken notion that the rate of sickness and mortality among Odd-Fellows differs materially from the average rate in society at large. Our precautions as to the health of applicants for membership may avail for a short time and operate in our favor; but nature's laws will have their course, and the man who imagines that he can select men who will not be sick or die at about the ordinary rate, will find that he has deceived himself.

Again, it has been urged that this measure seeks to make of Odd-Fellowship a mere insurance company, and that its tendency will be to draw into it men whose sole object it is to avail themselves of its pecuniary advantages. Your committee have yet to learn that it is a crime for a man, in the exercise of a wise and prudent forethought, to effect an insurance upon his life and health for the benefit of his family; nor can they conceive that any man should be rejected because he wishes to secure so desirable an end.

It might also be an interesting subject of inquiry whether that sickly sentimentality which prates of disinterested benevolence—waits until a man is fairly down, and then claims great credit for helping him to rise—is, after all, a higher form of charity than that practical benevolence that takes hold of him when first he trips and suffers him not to fall. It might also be asked with great pertinency whether the headlong zeal which promises to relieve the sick and distressed, and pauses not to inquire whether it will have the means of redeeming its promises, is a higher charity than that wisdom which holds its promises sacred, and prepares to fulfil them faithfully? But it is not true that there is or has been a proposition to touch one of the charitable features of the Order. The proposal is simply and alone to collect that information which will enable the Order so to adjust its finances as to secure the ability to carry out its work of beneficence and meet its contracts for all time to come. That this is a work worthy the approval and the zealous efforts of every Odd Fellow, and of this its highest authority, your committee have no doubt, and that it must sooner or later be done is as certain as there is truth in the experience of the world.

Your committee, therefore, submit and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a department of vital statistics be and hereby is erected in the office of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, to be placed in charge of an Actuary, who shall be nominated by the Grand Secretary and approved by this Grand Lodge, and hold his office during its pleasure; and whose duty it shall be to carry out the legislation of this Grand Lodge in reference to his department; to collate, arrange, and preserve the statistical reports; to report thereon to this Grand Lodge at each annual session, and at the end of five years to make a final report, embodying the experience of that term and the scientific deductions therefrom; and to receive such compensation as this Grand Lodge may from time tc time determine.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
M. J. DURHAM,
WM. BAYLEY.

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, when, on his motion, the rule was suspended, the report considered and referred to the Committee on Finance:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Representatives from Louisiana, to whom was committed the supervising of the translation of the work of the Order into French, and the printing of the same, beg leave to report that the work has been completed and is now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and has met the entire approval of that experienced officer.

To obtain a correct translation was a matter of much greater difficulty than the undersigned had anticipated, owing to the fact that independent of the literary qualifications necessary, the translator had to be an Odd-Fellow of the R. P. Degree. They were fortunate enough, however, to obtain the services of Bro. A. Schrieber, a gentleman fully qualified in every particular, who has furnished a translation, after much labor and careful examination, that will meet the demands of the Order.

The Grand Lodge at its last session appropriated six hundred dollars to pay the expense attending the publication of this work. Of this sum, five hundred and eleven dollars and eighty-one cents was paid for the mechanical part alone, leaving but eighty-eight dollars and nineteen cents for the translator, which in the opinion of the undersigned, is an entirely inadequate compensation for the important service rendered and the time consumed. They therefore respectfully recommend that an additional appropriation of two hundred dollars be made and paid to Bro. Schrieber, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Fraternally submitted.

J. G. DUNLAP,
G. W. RACE,
HENRY BIER.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

"We recommend our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to bring the subject of merging the Encampment Degrees into the Subordinate Lodges again before that body."

Rep. Jones, of Texas, presented the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

In case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members of the Lodge having refused to accept the office, is the Lodge justified in electing a scarlet member to fill the vacancy?

Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, presented the memorial of Rep. James Young which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Rucker, of Illinois, presented the appeal of P. G. M. Woodward from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois recog-

nizing the right of a Subordinate Lodge to expel for non-payment of dues, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Purdin, of California, presented a petition for a Grand Encampment in that State, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That in all cases where a candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge has been elected, but subsequent to his election and prior to his initiation, the Lodge shall become satisfied that he is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such election and declare it void—provided that a notice of one week shall be given of the intention to move for such an annulment, and that it be done by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

Rep. Day, of Tennessee, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the daughters of all scarlet degree members of our Order, who are eighteen years of age, shall be entitled to the "Degree of Rebekah."

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be required to report at our next session a form of opening and closing ceremonies for the "Degree of Rebekah."

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be directed to report, at your next session, an appropriate ode for funeral occasions.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Tennessee be allowed the privilege of holding her next semi-annual session in the town of Knoxville, East Tennessee, at such time as she may hereafter determine.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to vote and use their influence in merging the Subordinate and Patriarchal branches of the Order together, and to vote and use their influence against an increase of representation and expenses in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Brown, of Connecticut, moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause three hundred additional copies of the daily journal to be printed for the use of this R. W. Grand Body.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be and is hereby authorized to pay the postage on all newspapers placed in his hands in the form for mailing.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to lay the resolutions on the table, which was not agreed to; the question recurring on the resolutions, a division of the question was asked, and the first resolution was considered and adopted.

The question recurring on the second resolution—

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, it was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required, in making up the printed journal of this Grand Body, to reverse the present mode of reference, and instead of referring from the final action to the reports, to append to each report a reference to the page on which the final action on such report may be found.

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare and report at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge, a form for the installation of the officers of Degree Lodges; also a form for the Dedication of Halls.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the resolution, viz: "the appointment of a committee on reporting a form for the installation of the officers of Degree Lodges," it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second branch of the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That P. G. Wm. H. Brown, of Massachusetts, be admitted to witness the proceedings of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the law in reference to the Degree of Rebekah, requiring the Noble Grand of Subordinate Lodges to be in possession of the degree before he can be installed, be so modified as to allow the officers to be installed without being in possession of that degree.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the special committee to whom was referred at the last session the subject of preparing a form of installation for the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, made a report, which, on his motion, was referred to the consideration of the Lodge in secret session.

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, the Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Constitution, Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, in the chair.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair—

Rep. Della Torre, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee of the Whole to whom were referred sundry matters connected with the proposed Constitution, beg to report that they have had the same under consideration, have made progress therein, and ask leave to sit again.

PETER DELLA TORRE, *Chairman Committee.*

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Chair named the following special committee:

*Special Committee on Forms for installing Degree Officers, &c.*—Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, Thompson, of Massachusetts, E. C. Robinson, of Virginia.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session to Rep. Hunter, of Virginia, on account of severe indisposition.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned Finance Committee make this special report—that from an examination of the condition of the Treasury, they find in cash on hand the sum of $7,801.33. It is estimated that at least the sum of $13,000.00 will be required for mileage and per diem at this communication and other immediate expenses. The Treasurer holds Maryland State Stocks, in two certificates, one of $5,000 the other of $3,274.46, amounting to $8,274.46, which may be negotiated now at 4 per cent. premium or upwards. Your committee recommend the sale of the $5,000 certificate, and for the purpose of carrying this recommendation into effect submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to sell stock certificate, No. 337, issued by the State of Maryland to this Grand Lodge, Nov. 6, 1852, for the best terms he can obtain for the same; and that the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and are nereby authorized to execute the requisite assignment thereof in behalf of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. KELLOGG,
C. BILLINGHURST,
THOS. T. SMILEY.

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, the special order for instruction in the work was discharged until half-past 12 to-morrow.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia the Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the new Constitution. Rep. Della Torre in the chair.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair,

Rep. Della Torre, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred sundry matters connected with the new Constitution, report further progress therein, and ask leave to sit again.

PETER DELLA TORRE, *Chairman Committee.*

On motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote had yesterday upon the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution suggested by Rep. Askew, of Delaware.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Austin, Barry, of Ind., Bier, Boylston, Bridgman, Brunson, Bryson, Carpenter, Connelly, Clark, Cheney, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Gobright, Gyles, Hackleman, Hopkins, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Mountfort, Mulford, Ninde, Pruett, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Russell, Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. C., Taylor, Tuthill, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Woolsey, Wolford, Woodruff, Woodward—52.

NAYS—Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Bell, Benedict, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., (2 votes,) Craighead, Cunningham, Day, (2 votes,) Deering, English, Hale, Hicks, Hodgson, Hunt, Jones, of Texas, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Marley, Moss, Purdin, Rucker, Senter, Smith, of N. N. Y., Steele, of N. H., Thompson, Tufts, Veitch, Whalin, Wheeler, Williamson, Wilstack, Young—41.

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, made the following point of order:

Will it now be competent for the Grand Lodge to reject any part of the Constitution presented by the committee at the last communication and adopt the balance?

The Chair ruled that the Constitution submitted by the committee can be amended only by such amendments as were proposed at the last session to the report of the committee, or in its verbal phraseology.

From this decision, Rep. Askew, of Delaware, appealed, and the question being: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Bell, Bier, Benedict, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., (2 votes,) Brown, of Conn., Carpenter, Connelly, (2 votes,) Clark, Cheney, Cunningham, Day, (2 votes,) Deering, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, English, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Gobright, Gyles, Hale, Hodgson, Hopkins, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, Mountfort, Mulford, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Russell, Senter, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Veitch, Whalin, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williamson, Wilstack, Wolford, Woodruff, Woodward, Young, (2 votes )—84.

NAYS.—Austin, Barry, of Ind., Billinghurst, (2 votes,) Brunson, Craighead, Hackleman, Hicks, Rucker, Steele, of N. C., Williams, (2 votes ) Woolsey—13.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole be discharged from the further consideration of the Constitution, and amendments thereto, submitted at the last communication.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour fixed for adjournment (3½ o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. A. Massey, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that P. G. A. J. Langworthy has been duly accredited by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin as Grand Representative, and is entitled to a seat on this floor, vice L. H. Kellogg, resigned.

G. W. RACE,
WM. ENGLISH,
ANSON JONES.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following enquiry from the Grand Lodge of Texas, to wit:

"In case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members of the Lodge having refused to accept the office, is the Lodge justified in electing a scarlet member to fill the vacancy?"—beg leave to report, that while it is a general rule that service for one term in the Vice Grand's chair is a necessary qualification for the office of Noble Grand, yet there is an exception in the case of newly instituted Lodges, where a scarlet degree member is often necessarily eligible to that position without any previous service in office. By analogy, the emergency contemplated by the interrogatory when it arises in a Lodge already established will justify it in elevating a scarlet degree member to the office of Noble Grand—Provided, however, a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATH'L F. DEERING.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the proceedings of Grand Bodies in Delaware, North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi, touching a merger of the two branches of our Order, have given the subject that careful consideration which its importance requires, and beg leave to submit the following report:

At the session of this body in 1853 the propriety of a merger upon such principles as a rigid examination of the question and the wants of the Order might suggest, was presented for consideration. It was not

pressed with much zeal, because the main object of the friends of the projected alteration was to direct the attention of the members of this body, as well as that of the brotherhood everywhere, to the necessity which was believed to exist for a radical change in the organization of the Order. Your committee are gratified to perceive that the expectation which was entertained of a favorable disposition thereto upon the part of a large number of the membership has been realized, and that the aspect of a consummation of our wishes has grown brighter and more promising as the subject has been canvassed in the different jurisdictions. We cannot but believe that the necessity for the change which is asked for by these several bodies referred to will grow more apparent to the view of reflecting men, as a trial of the present system shall become more thorough; and in the course of a short time that a complete merger will take place as the only means of infusing a vigorous vitality into our system.

We do not deem it incumbent upon us to enter into an elaborate argument to show the truth of the position which we have already set forth. It is sufficient in our judgment that we present to your consideration such reasons as readily present themselves to our minds, and at the same time to ask from this Grand Lodge a calm review of the ground which we have assumed before it shall make up its verdict.—We are aware that mankind are more disposed to submit to evils while they are tolerable, than to "change the form of government to which they are accustomed;" and we cannot therefore hope to have our views adopted until the evil of which we complain becomes so palpable that its monstrosity can be no longer concealed.

It is a fact notorious to every member of this Lodge, that the Encampment branch of the Order is not as a whole in a very prosperous condition. There are but few States in which it is not languishing. This is true even in many cases when the Subordinate Lodges are doing well; and your committee believe it is owing in some measure to the expense necessary to keep them up. When these bodies work as they should do, it is evident that the cost of so doing is just as great as it is in Subordinate Lodges, and hence numbers of Odd-Fellows have not the pecuniary ability to undergo the tax. If the two were merged, the cost of taking the degrees would be but a small sum more than is now required for the Subordinate Lodges, and might in fact be no more at all. As it is, numbers of good men, whose only reason for not availing themselves of the Encampment degrees is a want of means, are prevented from receiving the benefit of their attractive instructions. Change the work as we propose, and all, without regard to the extent of their pockets, will go through the whole Order, and thus infuse new life and energy into the system.

Equality is one of the first principles of our brotherhood. Odd-Fellowship inculcates it in all its teachings. We are all taught that it is one of the most sacred purposes of our institution to elevate the character of man, and to make the humblest feel that he is not inferior in privileges to the highest in the Order. "Benefits" are by no means the cause which influences good and worthy men to enter our "circle of

honor." The ennobling purposes which it has, and the tendency of its teachings "to imbue the soul with proper conceptions of its capability for good," constitute the chief merit of Odd-Fellowship. If this position is true, and we think it cannot be denied—how desirable is it that the Order should be so organized that these influences may be within the reach of all? This cannot be done unless a merger shall take place, by which the expense shall be lessened and the time required for the discharge of our associated duties be shortened. In connection with this, we would remark that the present organization absolutely puts it out of the power of a number whose means are ample to enjoy the beauties of the higher branch. The members of every Lodge cannot support an Encampment; and hence it often occurs that there are numbers of Lodges located at so remote a distance from a point where an Encampment can be supported that their members are denied the pleasure of a connection with them, or, if they do connect themselves, are rarely able to attend the meetings. This is the case in several of the States, and in all where the population is sparse and the inhabitants chiefly agriculturists. Thus a downright inequality is produced, and a state of affairs brought about by necessity favorable to the larger cities and towns, and positively against the smaller ones. Against this inequality the inevitable and irreparable result of the present organization, your committee most earnestly protest.

If a condensation of the beauties of Odd-Fellowship should take place by a merger, the meetings of the consolidated Order would possess far more interest to the members than they now do in their separate state. The difference of pleasure in attendance would be as great as that of another character which is derived from the almost imperceptible odor of the eglantine which blooms alone in the wastes, its aroma exhausted by every wind, and that full sweetness which is enjoyed from

> "The light wings of Zephyr oppressed with perfume
> That wax faint o'er the gardens of Gul in their bloom."

Each branch has its beauties and its deformities. By a selection of the choicest portions of each, and a combination of the same, we should be able to have an Order of unparalleled attractiveness; and thus our meetings, instead of "dragging their slow lengths along," would be full of vigor and of life—re-unions looked forward to with anticipations of pleasure and of profit. This, we conceive, to be no fancy sketch, but such as the judgment of all would teach, after mature deliberation.

The idea seems to prevail to a certain extent that the Encampment is to be regarded in the light of an honorary Order. This opinion has begotten and will beget heart burnings among the brotherhood. As the Order now exists, it is necessary that each Encampment member shall be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge. It is not necessary that he be a working member—if he pays his dues, he holds his membership, notwithstanding he may set the Subordinate Lodge at defiance and treat it with contempt by studiously absenting

himself from its meetings. It thus occurs, sometimes, that a portion of the members of a Lodge, who regard *it* as a little too democratic for such huge Colossuses as they are, form an Encampment as a kind of aristocratic retreat, into which others of less pretensions but equal merit receive no sort of encouragement to enter. The feelings of their brethren are outraged—that natural and glorious sentiment of pride which should warm up every breast is wounded, and dissension raises its Gorgon head, when all should be peace and fraternal love. In confirmation of the evil tendencies which we have just set forth, it is only necessary to refer you to resolutions which have been presented from Northern New York, at the present session, proposing to allow the separate and independent existence of the two branches by providing that membership in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be a necessary qualification for the Encampment. It is not difficult to perceive what would be the effect of such legislation; and the tendency of a state of affairs begetting a desire for such legislation is clearly seen to be productive of great detriment to the harmony and usefulness of the Order. There can be no concealment of the fact that this very desire indicates a feeling of jealousy and a disposition to set up the Encampment as a sort of opposition association to the Subordinate Lodge.

Even if our views should not be concurred in by your Grand Body as a whole, we yet think that it must be conceded that there is no use of a separate representation of the Grand Encampments. The agents of Grand Lodges are here equal in power over the interests of these Grand Bodies to their own representatives. The authority of each is co-extensive. Each is obliged to know the secrets of the other, whether entitled to know them or not. Numbers of Representatives have never taken the Grand Encampment degrees, yet here they get them. It also happens that Encampment Representatives have never taken the Grand Lodge degree; and thus a curious spectacle is presented, showing the confusedness of the present system, and the necessity of some great changes to produce harmony in its parts.

The fact that in almost every State in the Union the Encampments are not in a condition of prosperity is, in the judgment of the committee, an unanswerable argument in favor of doing something to remove the incubus which rests upon the Order. Their sickly existence proves that there is a disease somewhere, which it behoves this Grand Lodge to heal, if it can, and to send the life giving current throughout the present stagnant avenues of the body of our institution.

We are aware that there are many who think this Grand Lodge has not the power to carry out the wishes of your committee; and that, if it had, it would be an onerous undertaking, requiring more ability than is usually possessed by the most gifted members of the Order. With due deference to such opinions, we would state that we conceive such is not the real question for consideration. We think that the first matter to be decided is, whether the Encampments are necessary to the full perfection of the Order as an ennobling and useful institution, and whether more vitality would not be produced by a change such as we

propose, thereby better enabling our Order to perform its mission of elevation and benevolence. Let this be determined, and then it will be time enough to examine the practicability of the undertaking. We admit it is no easy task to accomplish it. This, however, should not deter us from an effort to improve our condition. "There is no great excellence without great labor."

In view of what we have already said, we respectfully propose that a committee of five persons be appointed by the Grand Sire, whose duty it shall be to prepare a plan of merging, by which the separate existence of Lodges and Encampments shall be destroyed, and a combination of the teachings of both shall take place. This plan, we suggest, shall be reported to the next Grand Lodge for such action as may be judged expedient. We propose no plan ourselves, for the plain reason that we regard it as unwise to take such trouble upon ourselves without first having a guarantee that our labors would be acceptable to the Grand Lodge. Besides, the committee, if they were competent to the discharge of such a work, have not had sufficient time for its execution. There are those, however, who are fully equal to the undertaking; and we cannot entertain a doubt that if the Grand Lodge shall decide such a course as we suggest to be the proper one to increase the beauty, enlarge the usefulness and strengthen the foundation of the brotherhood, a report will be presented which will meet with almost universal approbation, and if adopted, will give Odd-Fellowship a prosperity equal to the most sanguine expectation of our members.

We ask leave to submit the following resolution, in which we ask your concurrence:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire appoint a committee of five members of the Order, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report to the next session of the Grand Lodge a plan merging the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Baltimore, against the action and decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the case of P. G. John H. Ing, have examined the documents placed in their hands, and beg leave to submit the following report:

The committee find it necessary, for a perfect understanding of the case, to present as briefly as possible the following statement of facts, out of which grew the appeal under consideration:

In March, 1847, Thomas Crane, a scarlet degree member of Washington Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, claimed to be entitled to benefits for three weeks' sickness.

The subject was referred to a Past Grand of the Lodge, who was deputed to visit Crane, who, together with a committee subsequently appointed by the Lodge, reported unfavorably to the claim of Crane, and the Lodge refused to pay. Crane subsequently brought suit against the Lodge before a magistrate, and recovered judgment. The Lodge appealed, and the judgment of the magistrate was reversed by the court for want of jurisdiction over the subject matter in controversy. For bringing this suit Washington Lodge, in 1847, suspended Crane at its pleasure. The Grand Lodge of Maryland declared such suspension nugatory; whereupon Washington Lodge proceeded to enact a new sentence, and suspended Crane for twenty-five years from May 1st, 1847.

P. G. John H. Ing, a member of Washington Lodge, and a lawyer by profession, acted as counsel for Crane in his suit before the magistrate, and in the course of his remarks spoke of the efforts of Washington Lodge to avoid the payment of these benefits to Crane as a publication of its own infamy. Seth Pollard, a P. G. of Washington Lodge, took exceptions to these and other remarks of P. G. Ing, and preferred charges against Ing before the Lodge on the 12th of April, 1847. A committee was appointed, who found the brother guilty, and offered the following resolution:

*Resolved, therefore,* That P. G. Ing be suspended at the pleasure of the Lodge.

This resolution was adopted, and the N. G. informed the brother of his suspension. P. G. Ing thereupon took an appeal to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, by whom the matter was referred to the Executive Committee, and the parties were duly notified of the time and place of trial. The Executive Committee submitted a report of their proceedings July 19, 1847, and offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the judgment of Washington Lodge, in this case, be affirmed.

*Resolved,* That instead of the sentence pronounced by the Lodge, P. G. Ing be and he is hereby suspended until the 1st of January, 1848.

The report was accepted, and the first resolution was adopted and the second was indefinitely postponed. In November, 1848, P. G. Ing was proposed for reinstatement, and upon the report of a committee he was balloted for and rejected. He then applied to the Grand Lodge to fix a time for his suspension, which application was indefinitely postponed. Washington Lodge subsequently adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That should any further communications be received from John H. Ing, addressed to the Lodge, the secretary be instructed to file them, without laying them before the Lodge—

and also a resolution that Washington Lodge never would, under any circumstances, restore Ing again to membership. P. G. Ing again appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at the January session, 1852. At the same session the Committee on the State of the Order reported that indefinite suspensions are not allowable, and any member having been suspended at pleasure, "his trial does not commence de novo,

but he occupies a position between the report of the committee and the sentence of his Lodge;" that a Lodge has a right to fix a temporary or defined limit of suspension on those who may have been suspended indefinitely. At the July session, 1852, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Executive Committee, to whom was referred the second appeal of P. G. Ing, reported, in accordance with the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, to wit—that P. G. Ing is now in the same condition in which he was between the report of the committee of his Lodge and the passage of the resolution of suspension. This report was accepted, and the committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On the 26th of July, 1852, P. G. Ing's case was taken up in Washington Lodge, and the following resolution adopted:

*Resolved*, That P. G. John H. Ing be suspended from this Lodge for the term of twenty-five years from the 3rd of May, 1847.

P. G. Ing, at the July session, 1852, again appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The appeal was referred to the Executive Committee, who reported to the Grand Lodge, at the January session, 1853, that they intended to try the case as it first came from the committee of the Lodge, whereupon the representatives of Washington Lodge protested and appealed to the Grand Lodge against this decision, on the ground that such a decision was directly opposed to the action of their Grand Lodge upon the point at issue. At the January session, 1853, the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland:

*Resolved*, That all matters in controversy between P. G. John H. Ing and Washington Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., be referred to a special committee of five, with instructions to report to this Grand Lodge the state of facts existing accurately, and the law applicable thereto, and that both parties be and are hereby required to appear from time to time before said committee, with such testimony as they respectively have, with the privilege of argument, if they desire it, with power also to send for persons and papers; and said Lodge be also permitted to prefer such fresh matters of grievance relative to said controversy, if any they have, which have occurred since the original trial of the case before said Lodge.

Washington Lodge again appealed against the constitutionality of the foregoing resolution, protesting against the right of the Grand Lodge to try the case de novo. The report of the special committee appointed under the above named resolution was called up at the August session, 1853, and was laid over until the 11th of August, 1853, when the following resolution, offered by P. G. G. H. Williams, chairman of the committee, was laid upon the table until the next session:

*Resolved*, That the act of Washington Lodge, in suspending P. G. Ing for a period of twenty-five years is a punishment not warranted by his acts, and contrary to the principles of this Order, and therefore that said decision of said Lodge in said matter be and is hereby reversed.

At the succeeding session, P. G. M. James L. Ridgely offered the following preamble and resolution as a substitute for the resolution of P. G. G. H. Williams;

WHEREAS by a fixed law of the Order, all suspensions must be for a limited period, and the true meaning and spirit of the law contemplates that such limit should be for a reasonable time, and whereas a suspension for twenty-five years being beyond the ordinary average of human life, is a suspension for an unreasonable time, and virtually an expulsion from the Order under a color of suspension, therefore

*Resolved*, That the suspension of P. G. John H. Ing, by Washington Lodge, No. 1, and all other suspensions for a longer period than eighteen months, be and the same are hereby terminated.

The resolution was subsequently amended by striking out "and all others suspended for a longer period than eighteen months," and as amended was adopted. Whereupon Washington Lodge asked for and obtained permission to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which appeal opens the whole merits of the case, although it technically confines itself to a side issue. Your committee in reviewing this appeal, and taking into consideration the fact that all the documents relating to it have been placed in their hands, do not feel at liberty to confine themselves to the immediate point appealed from, but will pass in review the action of Washington Lodge, and also the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland as recited in the document under consideration. The offence for which P. G. Ing was originally tried was trivial in its nature, and not of a sufficient magnitude to call forth so severe a penalty as was inflicted by Washington Lodge. P. G. Ing was acting in his professional capacity, and was governed by the rules of court and law, as in any other case, and should not be held censurable as an Odd-Fellow for discharging his duty to his client.

The proceedings of Washington Lodge are certainly open to animadversion, and your committee feel bound to notice some of its proceedings as involving sacred and inalienable rights, the subversion of which would cast a reproach upon the established maxim of our Order, that all men are our brethren, and are entitled alike to our sympathy and consideration.

The action of Washington Lodge in voting that P. G. John H. Ing should not now, nor at any future period, ever be restored to membership, was an act vindictive in its character, and contrary to those eternal and ever living principles without which our affiliation would be but a rope of sand.

Again, Washington Lodge voted not to receive any petitions or communications from P. G. John H. Ing, but to return them unopened, and subsequently adopted a resolution to place all communications received from him on file without laying them before the Lodge. Your committee cannot but consider this as an infringement of the sacred right of petition. A brother, although under suspension is still amenable to the laws of his Lodge, and cannot be deprived of the right of petition and the privilege of making acknowledgment and submission for errors committed. If his communications are disrespectful, he is amenable to the laws of his Lodge, and his punishment may be extended to expulsion if the cause is sufficient, but the indestructable right of petition must be maintained.

Again, the action of Washington Lodge in sentencing P. G. Ing to a

suspension for twenty-five years was in the opinion of your committee contrary to the letter and spirit of the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States as established in the Cotterall case at the September session, 1849, Journal, page 1504, which declares that all suspensions shall be temporary, and to be regulated by the magnitude of the offence. The word temporary as defined by our courts of law and usage is a period of short duration, and the true intent and meaning of the decision above referred to is, that all suspensions shall be for a reasonable time only.

Courts and juries find no difficulty in determining what is a reasonable time for the performance of obligations in contracts where no particular time is specified, but that time never extends beyond the ordinary average of human life. Therefore your committee cannot but come to the conclusion that a suspension for twenty-five years is not a temporary suspension as contemplated by the act of this Grand Lodge, but an evasive violation of the spirit of the law referred to, under color of a technical compliance with its letter.

The immediate point contained in the appeal of Washington Lodge to this R. W. Body is upon the constitutionality of the resolution adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland in referring all matters in controversy between P. G. John H. Ing and Washington Lodge to a special committee of five, with full powers, &c., giving Washington Lodge permission to prefer such fresh matters of grievance relative to said controversy as they may desire to offer. It is contended by Washington Lodge that the passage of the above resolution was a violation of the fourth section, eighteenth article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which says that all cases of grievance shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

Your committee can find no violation of the above named article in the Constitution referred to, inasmuch as the same matter had already been twice or thrice referred by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, according to the requirements of the article above quoted. And it was with a view for a final adjudication and a more full and perfect enjoyment of the rights of all parties that it was referred to the special committee of five. Besides, Washington Lodge itself appear before the committee of five, and, although, protesting against the constitutionality of its action, proceeded to examine witnesses, and contested step by step every advancement made to restore Ing to membership after he had suffered a suspension of five years already.

Your committee in conclusion regret the necessity of feeling themselves obliged to go into this matter in detail, believing as they do that all appeals should be confined to a particular point, and that all other matters antecedent to the point at issue should not be admitted. But, as in the present case it seems necessary for this Grand Lodge to establish certain fundamental principles which seem to be involved in this case, and are of general and not local application, therefore the committee hope to find a justification in this lengthy but what otherwise would have been but a short report. The committee beg leave to subjoin the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the case of P. G. John H. Ing, be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
R. FINLEY HUNT.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of C. W. Cowan from the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in adopting a new Constitution at a special session held in Zanesville, February 22d, 1854, have examined the papers placed in their hands and find as follows: In October 1852, a committee of the Grand Encampment of Ohio reported a revised Constitution for the government of that body, which was laid over under the rule until the January session 1853, at which time it was taken up, and its adoption defeated for want of a constitutional two-thirds vote. An appeal was at that time taken from the decision of the Chair, which decision was, that it required a vote of two-thirds to adopt the revised constitution, the ground of the appeal was that the Grand Encampment of Ohio was not considering any alteration of or amendment to its Constitution, but that it was an entire new instrument, and that it was competent for a majority to adopt it. The Grand Lodge of the United States decided that the new draft was a revision of the old Constitution and that the question upon its adoption came under the requirements of article 12th, section 1st of the Constitution then in force, making it necessary to have a two-thirds vote. In September of last year, one of the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ohio presented this rejected Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, at which time it had not been adopted by said Grand Encampment, nor was it even before that body for action, and the presentation of it here was an irregular and unofficial proceeding. The Grand Lodge of the United States in reference to this constitution adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the form of Constitution now pending before the Grand Encampment of Ohio, to be acted upon at its next annual session, be and the same is hereby approved by this Grand Lodge, and, if adopted by a constitutional vote, shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption.

On the 22nd of February, 1854, the following call was issued by the Grand Scribe:

"I. O. O. F.—Grand Encampment of Ohio.—There will be a special meeting of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio held at Zanesville, commencing on Wednesday evening, February 22nd, at 7 o'clock, on important business. By order of the G. P.

A. R. FOOTE, Grand Scribe."

At this session, as appears by the journal, the following proceedings were had:

"Grand Rep. Williams offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution, Rules of Order, and General Laws having reference to the government of the Grand Encampment, now on the table, be taken up for consideration.

P. G. P. Glenn moved the adoption of the Constitution and General Laws, and called the previous question. The previous question was not ordered.

P. P. Smith moved that the Constitution be read article by article; which was not agreed to.

On motion of P. P. Slater, the reading of the 7th and 8th articles was dispensed with. The yeas and nays being called on the adoption of the Constitution and rules, resulted as follows: Yeas 80, nays 23; and the Grand Patriarch declared the Constitution adopted.

Grand Rep. Williams subsequently offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States permitted the Grand Encampment of Ohio to adopt a form of Constitution previously pending before this body, to go into effect immediately upon its adoption; and whereas we have this night adopted said Constitution by a vote of 80 yeas to 23 nays; and whereas said Constitution provides for meeting on the Wednesday succeeding the third Tuesday in February: therefore—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Ohio is now in annual session.

On motion of P. P. Dodd. the previous question was ordered, and the resolution adopted.

P. P. Smith appealed from the decision of the Grand Patriarch entertaining this as an annual session.

The Grand Patriarch decided said appeal out of order."

Your committee from this statement of facts are drawn to the following conclusions: "That in the call for the special meeting, the requirements of article fifth, section first, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which provides that at special meetings no business shall be transacted other than that which shall have been designated in the call therefor," was not complied with. And also that the requirement of the conditional approval of said Constitution by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to wit: That the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, upon said Constitution, was to take place at its annual session, was also disregarded. The committee ask leave to append the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the instrument known as the new Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Ohio was not legally adopted; and that the Constitution known as the old Constitution of said Grand Encampment is now and has been in full force and effect.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of McKee Lodge, No. 35, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in ordering McKee Lodge to reinstate P. G. Wm. Cotten and pay him his benefits, have examined the case and beg leave respectfully to report:

That it appears P. G. Wm. Cotten was taken sick about the 16th day of August, 1851, remained sick until the 1st of December of that year; the latter part of January 1853, Bro. Cotten was again taken sick, and continued sick until the 25th day of June. This statement is not denied on the part of the Lodge, but they refused to pay him benefits for the last sickness on the ground that he was more than thirteen weeks in arrears at the commencement of the last sickness. It appears the Lodge was yet indebted to Bro. Cotten for the first sickness, amounting to about seventy dollars. This being the case the Grand Lodge of Kentucky ordered McKee Lodge to reinstate Bro. Cotten, and pay him the amount claimed. These being the material facts in the matter, and believing the Grand Lodge of Kentucky acted in accordance with a previous decision of this R. W. Body, to be found on page 524 of the printed Journal, the committee beg leave to offer the following resolution for adoption :

*Resolved*, That the action had by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in the case of McKee Lodge, No. 35, in ordering them to reinstate P. G. Wm. Cotten and pay him his benefits claimed, be and it is hereby confirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland to the Constitution of that body, have had the same under consideration, and now report that they find said amendments to be compatible and consistent with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and the laws of the Order They therefore recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, &c., of Acadia Lodge, No. 26, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, beg

leave to report that upon examination they find that the same needs various amendments. They recommend the following:

Strike out the words "scarlet degree" in clause 2, section 2, article 2, and insert "in the degree for which the applicant is proposed."

Strike out the words "Degree Master" in clause 1, section 1, article 3, as the laws of this Grand Body do not recognise any such officer of a Subordinate Lodge. Also strike out the word "Financial" and insert "Permanent" in the second line of the same clause.

Strike out "D. M." in clause 1, section 2, article 4; also strike out "F. S." and insert "P. S." in the same clause.

Strike out clauses 4 and 5 of same section and article, as they do not agree with the penalties prescribed by the laws of this Grand Lodge for the neglect or omission of a Subordinate Lodge to make its returns.

Strike out the words "For Degree Master a five pointed open star, with breast plate in the centre," in clause 1, section 3, article 7. Also strike out "Financial" and insert "Permanent" before "Secretary" in the fourth line of the same clause. Strike out clauses 1 and 2 of section 2 of article 8.

There are several sections of the by-laws which in the present position of the Lodge are useless, but as they must remain inoperative while the Lodge continues under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, your committee deem it unnecessary to point them out. Your committee recommend that, with the above amendments and alterations agreed to, the Constitution of Acadia Lodge, No. 26, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, &c., of Wah-a-toy-a Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and with some slight amendments recommend its approval. The word "shall" before the word "reverse," in the first section of article 4 of the Constitution, should be struck out and the word "may" inserted in lieu thereof. As the section now stands it would seem to be imperative upon the Encampment to reverse the decision of the Chief Patriarch when an appeal is taken from his decision. They recommend that the latter clause of section 2, article 12, being all after the word "degrees," be stricken out, as the same is incompatible with the spirit of Odd-Fellowship. With these alterations they recommend the approval of the Constitution, &c., of said Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Manayunk Benevolent Degree Lodge, No. 31, of Pennsylvania, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania touching the right to confer degrees by Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that the appeal does not properly come before this body, as the appellants have not furnished to each member of this Grand Lodge a printed statement of their case as required by law, besides there is no evidence before the committee that the consent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was obtained to allow the appeal to be taken.

The committee therefore would ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
WM. ELLISON,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Appeals find on their file two communications from Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of Santa Fe, setting forth an acknowledgement of having violated a law of this Grand Lodge in appearing in full regalia in procession on the occasion of laying the corner stone of a new Odd-Fellows' Hall, and also of having suspended section 8 of article 6th of their Constitution in regard to the election of officers. The committee find that these papers are improperly referred, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a Grand Encampment in the State of California, report as follows :

A petition has been laid before your committee, signed by Daniel Norcross, John Southwell, P. B. Dexter, T. Rogers Johnson, A. S. Tredale, E. W. Graham, and Franklin Williams, of Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1; Mathew Purdin, Thomas M. Davis, Prescott Robinson, and Wm. Shattuck, of Pacific Encampment, No. 2; E. W. Colt, and M. B. Kenney, of Parker Encampment, No. 3, of the State of California. Proper certificates accompany the petition that the above named Patriarchs are all Past Officers, in good standing, of Encampments in the State of California.

Deeming it good for the Patriarchal branch of the Order, in that distant part of the country, that a charter should be granted for a Grand Encampment, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted for the establishment of a Grand Encampment in the State of California, the location thereof to be decided by the petitioners, subject to the approval of the M. W. Grand Sire.

WILLIAM G. WILLIAMS,
F. D. MULFORD.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee having had under consideration petitions for the establishment of Subordinate Lodges at Pictou and Truro, in the Province of Nova Scotia, report:

It appears that these Lodges—Eastern Star Lodge, No. 34, at Pictou, and Cobeynid Lodge, No. 35, at Truro—were instituted by the D. D. G. Sire of that District, without the dispensation required by the 13th article of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, but as proper petitions have been presented, it is just that the Lodges should be confirmed. We therefore offer for adoption the following:

*Resolved*, That regular charters be granted to the Lodges above named.

WM. G. WILLIAMS,
F. D. MULFORD.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee have had under consideration a petition signed by G. Varey, J. W. Cameron, A. B. Currier, Jas. Woodgratt and Thomas Broughton, praying this body to grant a charter for the establishment of a Lodge at Brantford, Canada West, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, to be named subject to the approval of the M. W. Grand Sire.

WM. G. WILLIAMS,
F. D. MULFORD.

Rep. Mulford, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report that they have before them sundry petitions for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, with the action of the Executive thereon during the recess, and recommend the following action by this Grand Lodge in the premises:

In the case of the petition for an Encampment at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for an Encampment at Fort Union, New Mexico, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for an Encampment at Sacramento, California, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for an Encampment at Stockton, California, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for a Lodge at Oregon City, Oregon, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for a Lodge at Albany, Oregon, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

In the case of the petition for a Lodge at Lahuini, Island of Maui, Sandwich Islands, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the action of the Executive confirmed.

F. D. MULFORD,
W. G. WILLIAMS.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, when, on his motion, so much thereof which refers to the mergement of the Encampment branch was referred to the Legislative Committee, and so much which refers to finances to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representative be instructed against increasing the membership of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as proposed by the amended Constitution.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representative be also instructed to give his vote and influence in favor of merging the patriarchal with the subordinate branches of the Order.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representative be also instructed to vote in favor of reducing the Representative Tax to twenty-five dollars.

*Resolved*, The he be instructed to use his vote and influence in favor of reducing all the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and particularly the price of books, odes, cards, &c.

On motion of Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Finance, page 2278, Journal, which was adopted.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS great difficulty has been frequently experienced within this jurisdiction by the entire absence of laws in many instances to govern cases of vacancies in the office of Noble Grand and Vice Grand of Subordinate Lodges, therefore

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States the passage of such a law as, in the case of vacancies in the office

of Noble and Vice Grand, and upon the refusal of any Past Officer to serve, that the person elected to fill the vacancy shall be entitled to the honors of all offices in the same manner as is permitted in cases of newly instituted and resuscitated Lodges.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having the installation ceremony inserted in all the Encampment charge books that may hereafter be printed.

On motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G. J. N. Marks, made at the last session, and reported by the committee as unfinished business.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved to adopt the report and accompanying resolutions.

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, moved that the subject lie on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Guide and Citizens' Manual, by Joseph Burleigh, L. L. D., be adopted as the basis of parliamentary proceedings in all cases not provided for by the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Officers be authorised to procure as many copies of that book, for the use of the members, as there are State Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction.

Rep. Ninde, of Maryland, presented the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a brother eligible to the chair of Noble Grand who in consequence of sickness was unable to perform the duties of Vice Grand for a majority of the nights of the term for which he was elected, and who was excused from time to time by his Lodge?

Rep. Brunson, of Minnesota, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Rucker, of Illinois, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the book of diagrams and secret work of the Order be placed in the charge of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire during the session for the examination of members, &c.

On motion of Rep. Mulford, of New Jersey, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire be and is hereby invited to take part in the discussion of the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a session be held this evening at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That hereafter no member shall speak upon any subject longer than five minutes.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved to amend as follows:

*Resolved*, That the motion be amended so as to change five minutes into fifteen minutes.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the Lodge agreed to consider the proposed amendment to the Constitution, page 2125, reported by the Committee on Unfinished Business, as follows:

Amend the 18th article by inserting the words, "and amended, if the proposed amendments be concurred in by two-thirds of the votes given," after the words "may be considered."

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, it was resolved in the affirmative, and now forms a part of the Constitution; the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bier, Billinghurst, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brunson, Craighead, Carpenter, Connelly, (2 votes,) Clark, Cheney, Day, Della Torre, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Gobright, Gyles, Hackleman, Hicks, Hopkins, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of D. of C., Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, Lambert, Lamberton, Langworthy, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, Mountfort, Mulford, Ninde, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rucker, Russel, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Taylor, Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Whalin, Wheeler, (2 votes,) Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Williamson, Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Woodruff, Woodward, Young—88.

NAYS.—Brown, of Conn., Cunningham, (2 votes,) Deering, Hodgson, Veitch—6.

On motion, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Legislative Committee, page 2267, touching the powers of a Grand Master in certain cases, and suggesting its reference to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was considered and adopted, and the subject referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Constitution.

The Grand Sire called Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, to the chair.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair,

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee of the Whole have, according to order, had under consideration the proposed Constitution, and have made some further progress therein, but not having had time to go through with the same, have directed the chairman to ask leave for the committee to sit again.

N. A. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

The hour of 12 o'clock, fixed for recess having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for examination, having attended to their duty, beg leave to offer the following report:

That the returns from the following Grand Lodges are correct, viz: Northern New York, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Vermont, Georgia, Iowa, South Carolina, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Michigan, Virginia, Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Maryland, Delaware, California, Mississippi, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Connecticut, Missouri, Southern New York, Massachusetts, Florida and Minnesota.

The returns from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maine, though having the form prescribed by the laws of the Order, are so carelessly drawn up as to be difficult to decipher.

The returns from the following Grand Encampments are correct, viz: Northern New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Maryland, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Texas, Missouri, South Carolina, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Illinois, Georgia, Southern New York, Ohio, Delaware and New Jersey.

*Lodge Returns.*—Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, for term ending June 30, '53, does not set forth items of receipts correctly, nor the proper per centage to the Grand Lodge of the United States—for term ending December 31, '53, correct; Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico, for term ending December '53, items of receipts do not appear to be correctly stated—for term ending June '54, same; Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico, for term ending December '53, correct—for term ending June '54, does not set out items of receipts correctly, nor is it signed by the Noble Grand or Vice Grand; Bugle Lodge, No. 3, New Mexico, for term ending December '53, does not set out receipts in proper items; Cheneketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon Territory, Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon Territory, for term ending December '53, correct; Arcadia Lodge, No. 26, Nova Scotia, for term ending December '53, correct; Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota, for term ending June '53, correct, except attested by Permanent instead of Recording Secretary; St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota, for term ending June '53, correct, except in per centage to the Grand Lodge of the United States; J. G. Potts' Lodge, No. 3, Minnesota, for term ending June '53, has no seal—attested by the Permanent instead of Recording Secretary; Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Minnesota, for term ending June '53, seems to be erroneous in receipts and per centage to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Encampment Returns.*—Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, California, for term ending June '53, correct, except wanting signature of High Priest—for term ending December '53, same; Pacific Encampment, No. 2, California, for term ending December '53, correct—for term ending June '54, correct—annual report, correct; Parker Encampment, No. 3, California, for term ending December '53, correct—for term ending June '54, correct; Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, New Mexico, for term ending December '53, correct—for term ending June '54, correct; Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas, for term ending December '53, correct; Rio Grand Encampment, No. 2, Texas, for term ending June '53, correct—for term ending December '53, does not give name of members admitted, nor the receipts in proper amounts, nor items, and has not the signature of High Priest; Mamberton Encampment, No. 9, Nova Scotia, for term ending June '54, correct; Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida, for term ending December '53, does not give the whole of the elective officers, nor receipts in proper items; Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vermont, for term ending December '53, does not give names of members advanced or rejected, nor receipts in proper items, and has not signature of High Priest; Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont, for term ending December '53, does not give receipts in proper items—for term ending June '54, same; Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas, for term ending June '53, does not give names of members advanced—for term ending December '53, same; Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas, for term ending June '53, correct—for term ending December '53, correct; Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota, for term ending June '53, correct except in not giving names of the Patriarchs advanced.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
H. L. RUCKER,
WILLIAM HOPKINS.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom were referred sundry communications and documents, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined the various papers submitted to them and can find nothing therein which will require additional attention from this Grand Lodge. The subject matters have either been attended to and completed or referred to appropriate committees.

H. F. ASKEW,
RICHARD MARLEY,
JOSEPH BRIDGMAN.

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, the Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Constitution.

Rep Thompson, of Massachusetts, in the chair.

The Grand Sire having resumed the chair,

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred sundry amendments to the Constitution, report further progress therein, and ask leave to sit again.

N. A. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the special committee on the translation of the work of the Order into the French language, respectfully report, that in the opinion of your committee the sum asked by the special committee in payment of the services of the translator is reasonable and justly due to the translator, and recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:

*Resolved,* That the sum of two hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to Brother A. Schnieber, for services in translating the work of the Order into the French language.

A. S. KELLOGG,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
C. BILLINGHURST.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance have examined the following claims against this R. W. Grand Body, and respectfully recommend the payment of the same:

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| M. W. Grand Sire W. G. DeSaussure, account for postage, &c. | $33 13 |
| James Young, extra charge for printing tabular statement contained in report of Committee on Dues and Benefits, - | 38 90 |
| W. H. Nally's bill binding Grand Encampment work, - | 1 50 |
| John Wagner's bill, frame for portrait of P. G. Sire Moore, - | 12 00 |
| Henry Syles's bill for boxing portrait of P. G. Sire Moore, - | 2 00 |
| M. W. Grand Sire DeSaussure, for his expenses in visiting Montreal, Canada, under the order of this Grand Body, to seek an interview with the officers and members of the Order there, and, under certain contingencies, to reclaim the charter of the Grand Lodge of British North America, | 126 00 |

*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Secretary draw his warrants on the Treasurer for the above claims.

A. S. KELLOGG,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. BILLINGHURST.

The hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. Mickle, of New Jersey, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Per Diem and Mileage be instructed to report against the payment of per diem for Sunday to members when the session does not hold over from one week to another.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the question pending at the time of adjournment on yesterday, viz: the resolution of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, to discharge the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the Constitution, and amendments thereto, when the mover of the resolution asked and obtained leave to withdraw the same.

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, the Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Constitution.

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, in the chair.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair,

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the Form of Constitution submitted by a special committee at the Communication of this Grand Lodge held in Sept. 1853, and the amendments thereto submitted at said Communication, having had the several matters so referred before them for consideration, respectfully report the said Form of Constitution submitted to them with amendments as follows: viz: That the word "*Grand*" be inserted in the third section of article 1, in the second line of said section and before the word Encampment in all the articles of the said Form of Constitution when said word is used in connection with *Grand Lodge.*

In Art. III. sec. 2—By striking out "*of*" at the end of the third line, and from section 4, first line.

Art. IV.—By inserting the letter "*s*" after Constitution in the twelfth line; by inserting the words "*in places where Grand Bodies established by this Grand Lodge may not exist*" after the word subordinate in the twenty-second line—that the word "*acts*" in the twenty-fourth line—"*and doings, including all his*" in the twenty-fifth line—and "*in relation to the official business transacted by him,*" in the last line of said section stricken out, and the words "*acts and*" inserted after official in the twenty-fifth line.

Art. VII. sec. 1—By inserting the words "*at least*" after with in the seventh line.

Art. VIII.—By striking out the word "*he*," in the second line—and by striking out "*he admits*," and inserting "*admitting*."

Art. IX. Sec. 2.—By striking out the word "*appointed*," in the first line, and inserting "*apportioned*," and to strike out all between the words "*Representatives*," in the sixth line, and by striking out the word "*ever*" and "*four*," in the last line of said section, and inserting "*two*" in place of "*four*"—by striking out the word "*and*" in the third line of sec. 3.

Art. XI. Sec. 1—By substituting "*officer*" for "*officership*" in the fourth line—"*tried*" in last line, and inserting "*convicted*," and by adding to said section, "*Provided that a copy of the charges preferred shall have been furnished to the accused at least three days before trial.*"

That Sec. 3 be stricken out and Sec. 4 changed to Sec. 3—and the word "*of*" in the second line, be stricken out and "*to*" inserted—the words "*is a member*" in the second and third lines, and the word "*belongs*" inserted—that the words "*ipso facto work*" in third line be stricken out, and "*operate as*" inserted—the word "*expulsion*" inserted after "*suspension*," and "*officership*" changed to "*office*" in same line.

Art. XII.—In the first line, "*first Thursday*" be stricken out and "*third Monday*" inserted—the word "*two*" in fifth line stricken out and "*three*" inserted.

Art. XIII. Sec. 5—All after the word "*ballot*" in first line be stricken out—that the 6th Sec. be added thereto, and the word "*desire*" in the second line be stricken out and "*determined*" inserted.

Art. XV. Sec. 2—Be stricken out, and Sec. 3 stand as Sec. 2; and that the letter "*s*" be stricken out from "*communications*," in the second line, and from "*elections*" in the last line.

Art. XVI. Sec. 3.—After the word "*Encampment*" in the fourth line "*or Grand Master or Grand Patriarch.*"

Art. XVII.—By striking out "*ascertained*" in the third line and inserting "*fixed.*"

Art. XVIII.—By striking out "*of this Grand Lodge*" in the last line and inserting "*thereof.*"

And the committee recommend the adoption of said constitution with the amendments aforesaid.

N. A. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, the Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the By-Laws and Rules of Order.

The Grand Sire called Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, to the chair.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair—

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the form of By-Laws and Rules of Order, submitted by a special committee at the

September communication of this Grand Lodge, 1853, having had the several matters of reference under consideration, respectfully report said form of By-Laws and Rules of Order with the following amendments, viz :

Art. I.—That the word "*open*" in second line be stricken out, and the word "*institute*" inserted—that "*opened*" in fifth line be stricken out and "*instituted*" inserted—that "*deputised*" be stricken from sixth and tenth lines, and "*deputed*" inserted—that "*opening*" in the eighth line be stricken out, and "*institution*" inserted.

Art. II.—The word "*open*" to be stricken from second line, and "*institute*" inserted—"*Grand*" inserted before "*Lodge*" in fourth line —that "*opened*" be stricken from fifth line, and "*instituted*" inserted.

Art. III.—That "*Grand*" be inserted before "*Encampments*," in fifth line.

Art. IV.—That "*opened*" in eighth line be stricken out, and "*instituted*" inserted.

Art. V.—That "*in*," after "*meet*," in the seventh line be stricken out, and "*for*" inserted.

Art. VI.—That "*deputised*" be changed to "*deputed*" in the second line—that "*open*" be stricken out from second line, and "*institute*" inserted.

Art. X.—That after the words "*Grand Officers*" in third line, the words "*and the aggregate number of members*" be inserted—and before the word "*subordinate*" in fourth line, the word "*all*" be inserted, and before the word "*Lodges*" in same line, the words "*and the aggregate*" be inserted.

Art. XIII.—That the word "*Grand*" be inserted before "*Encampment*" in sixth and seventh lines.

Art. XIV.—That the words "*or certificate*" be stricken out from third line, and "*as furnished*" inserted—that before officers in third line "*proper*" be inserted—that the word "*Encampment*" be inserted after "*Lodge*" in fourth line.

Art. XV.—Sec. 7.—The word "*Grand*" be inserted in second line before "*Encampments*"—that "*revoked*" be stricken from last line of Sec. 8, and "*removed*" inserted—and that the words "*during recess*" be placed after "*Grand Sire*" in same line.

Art. XVIII.—That the words "*Encampment and Lodge*" in sixth line be transposed.

Art. XXII.—After "*sash*," third line from bottom, the words "*Outside Guardian, Red Sashes*"—"*Inside Guardian, Blue Sashes*" be inserted—that the section relating to regalia of Grand Representative, third line, between "*of yellow*" the word "*White and*" be inserted.

Art. XXIII be stricken out, and the word "*to*" be stricken out, and "*of*" inserted in second line of section 23.

The words "*if they think proper to appear in such regalia*," at the end said article 24th, to be stricken out.

Art. XXVII.—That the word "*shall*" be inserted after "*Lodge*" in first line, and "*s*" stricken from "*commences*" and "*terminates.*"

Art. XVIII.—The words "*the charters of*" be stricken from first line—"*be forfeited*" from the third line, and "*forfeit their charters*" inserted in place thereof.

Art. XXIX. "*That*" be stricken from first line "*and*" inserted between Philadelphia and New York—and "*Boston and Cincinnati*" be stricken out—that all between "*if*" in seventh line, and the words "*and the matter*" on eighth line be stricken out, and "*the Revised Journal*" inserted—"*that*" be stricken from sixth line from bottom, and "*shall*" be inserted between "*standing*" and "*committee*" in same line.

That said Rules of Order be amended as follows, viz: That article XXIII stricken from the form of By-Laws stand as section 2 of Rules of Order.

That "*Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented*" be added to section now No. 8.

And said committee respectfully recommend the adoption of said form of By-Laws and Rules of Order, with the amendments aforesaid.

N. A. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. A. Massey, R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was recommitted their report on the contested election from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, with instructions to report upon the merits of the case, (regardless of the appeal on the same subject, now in the hands of your Committee on Appeals,) and with power to send for persons and papers, &c., beg leave to report, that after a thorough investigation of all the evidence and authorities adduced by the contestants in favor of their respective claims to the seat on this floor, they find the following, viz:

At a regular quarterly session of the G. E. of Ohio, held in Dayton, January 21st, 1853, a project of a new Constitution was taken up for adoption and declared lost, by a vote of 48 yeas to 25 nays, the Chair ruling that under the old Constitution it required a two-thirds vote to adopt the new one. From this decision an appeal was taken to this Grand Lodge, which was, at your last session, dismissed. (See Journal, p. 2173.) Your R. W. Body at the same time passed the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the form of Constitution now pending before the Grand Encampment of Ohio, to be acted upon at its next annual session, be and the same is hereby approved by this Grand Lodge, and, if adopted by a constitutional vote, shall go into effect immediately on its adoption.

At the regular quarterly session of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, held in Cincinnati, October 20th, 1853, on motion of G. Rep. Williams, the following amendment to the old Constitution was taken up and adopted, viz:

"Amend Sec. 1, Art. 4, by striking out July, October, January and April, and insert August, November, February and May, and the meeting in August to be termed the annual meeting."

G. Rep. Williams then moved "that the next session of the Grand Encampment be held in the city of Zanesville, on Thursday, February 23rd, 1854, being the first Thursday succeeding the third Tuesday in said month."

This proposition was lost by a vote of 39 to 20.

Bro. Williams asked and obtained leave to change his vote on the lost proposition from the minority to the majority.

G. Rep. Williams offered as an amendment to the Constitution and General Laws an entire project of Constitution, which was laid over under the rule.

G. Rep. Williams moved to reconsider the vote in regard to the adjournment to Zanesville, he having voted in the majority, which was negatived by a vote of 29 to 4.

On the 22d of February, 1854, the Grand Encampment met in Zanesville, pursuant to a call by the G. Patriarch, and issued by request.

At this meeting, on motion of Grand Rep. Williams, the project of Constitution, rules of order, and general laws, previously proposed by him, on the 20th of October, 1853, were called up and declared adopted, by a vote of 80 to 23.

G. Rep. Williams then offered the following, which was adopted, viz:

"WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States permitted the Grand Encampment of Ohio to adopt a form of Constitution previously pending before this body, to go into effect immediately upon its adoption; and whereas we have this night adopted said Constitution by a vote of 80 yeas to 23 nays; and whereas said Constitution provides for meeting on the Wednesday succeeding the third Tuesday in February; therefore

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Ohio is now in annual session."

We find by comparison that the Constitution last presented, and which, it is contended, was adopted by and is now the organic law of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, differs in two material provisions from the one presented to your Committee on Constitutions at your last communication, and for the adoption of which you gave your consent, as aforesaid, viz:

It provides in "Article 9, section 1, the revenue of the Grand Encampment shall consist of fees for charters, and *three* per cent. upon the total amount of moneys received by each Subordinate in the State," &c. And in

"Art. 10, section 2, a quorum of the Grand Encampment shall consist of *twelve* Representatives."

Whilst the Constitution they had permission to adopt, in the same articles and sections above enumerated, provided for a revenue of *six* per cent. and *twenty* Representatives.

From the foregoing facts, your committee are forced to the conclusion that the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio has not been changed in any particular since your last communication. The first amendment adopted, as aforesaid, changing the months for the quarterly meetings, has no vitality or force of law, because it has not yet been before this Grand Lodge for approval. And the so called new Constitution has not been adopted in such manner as to make it the organic law, for two reasons—

First.—Because it was taken up and adopted at a called session of the Grand Encampment, without any such purpose being expressed in the "*call*," when both the old Constitution and the resolution of this Grand Lodge aforesaid required that it should be acted upon at its next *annual* session, and

Second.—Because it never has been approved by this Grand Lodge, being a different instrument from the one referred to in said resolution.

Therefore the old Constitution, as it was at your last session, is now the organic law of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and it is by the provisions of that instrument we are to be guided in the solution of the next inquiry, viz: which of the contestants is entitled to be recognised as the Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio?

The seat has been for two years past filled by P. G. N. Hayward, whose time expired at the stated meeting in July last. Now, the old Constitution provides, in "Art. IV, Sec. 2. There shall be elected annually one Grand Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at the annual meeting in July, who shall hold his office for the term of two years." "Art. V, Sec. 1. The Grand Encampment of Ohio shall hold its stated meetings on the first Thursday after the third Wednesday in July, October, January and April, and the meeting in July shall be termed the annual session. Special meetings may be held on the call of twelve members, or when ordered by the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch: Provided, that at such special meetings no business shall be transacted other than that which shall have been designated in the call therefor."

"Sec. 2. The nomination of candidates for officers at the annual election shall be made at the stated meetings in January and April, and no such nominations shall be made at any other meeting, unless some unforeseen contingency shall render it necessary." And—

Art. VI, Sec. 1, in defining the duties of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, provides that "he shall fill all official vacancies not otherwise provided for," &c. These are the only constitutional provisions that bear upon this case.

From the printed proceedings it appears that there was a regular quarterly session of the Grand Encampment of Ohio held in the city of

Cincinnati on the 20th of April, 1854, being the time designated in one of the articles just quoted for their regular meeting. The Grand Officers being absent, other qualified Patriarchs were called to fill the several chairs.

This being one of the regular nights for nominating candidates for the various offices, that proposition was opened, and Bro. H. N. Clark, of No. 1, duly nominated for Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

At the next meeting of the Grand Encampment, being the regular annual session of July 20th, 1854, in the city of Cincinnati, the regular Grand Officers were again absent, and again qualified Patriarchs filled the chairs, and proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Clark was declared duly elected to the office of Grand Representative, and commissioned as such under the seal of the Grand Encampment, by the officers who filled the chairs on that occasion. This, in the opinion of the committee, entitles Bro. Clark to the seat on this floor. On the contrary, in no point of view would Bro. Dodd be entitled to the seat. For if the new Constitution was legally adopted, it was so done in February, the time when, by its own provisions, the annual election should have taken place, and instead of going into the election at that time for any officer, they passed a series of resolutions, with the view of giving to the then officers, whose election had taken place in July previously, the power of continuing in office seven months longer than their regular time, or nineteen months in all. It was well known to them then that Bro. Hayward's time would expire just on the eve of the session of this Grand Lodge, and instead of electing some brother to fill the vacancy that would occur, they recommend to the G. Patriarch to appoint and commission Bro. Dodd as G. Representative.

How does it happen that all the then Grand Officers could, in their own judgment, hold over until next February, 1855, except Bro. Hayward? Bro. H. was elected G. Representative in July, 1852, for two years, and the other Grand Officers were elected in July, 1853, for one year, which, in the opinion of your committee, would make their terms of office expire at the same time, viz: in July last.

But, it is contended that this election was all null, because the then Grand Officers did not attend the session of the Grand Encampment.

Can a Grand Officer by remaining away from his Lodge or Encampment, on the regular night of election, defeat the election entirely? If so, our beloved Order would fall to pieces by its own weight. And in all cases of wickedness, sickness, or death, on the part of the presiding officer, which would keep him from his official post, the Lodge or Encampment would be dissolved or broken up.

Then, again, the certificate of Bro. Dodd does not state that he is appointed to fill any vacancy, or for what length of time he is to hold his seat, as it should do in cases of appointment.

Now, in addition to what has already been said, to show that the first amendment to the Constitution changing its regular session from

July to August, &c., we find that they pretend that it became a law in October, which would make the next regular quarterly session take place in February, instead of January, as formerly, and yet these very same Grand Officers hold another quarterly session in January following, and they themselves in their proceedings style it the regular quarterly session, &c.

This shows that they have not even been consistent with themselves, and that up to that time at least regarded the pretended change as a nullity.

The committee are forced to say that the record of the proceedings of that Grand Encampment shows much irregularity. This state of things is much to be deplored. But the committee are consoled, and are pleased to be able to state to this Grand Lodge, that they have been assured by both contestants that there is nought but fraternal feelings between them, and that the decision of this Grand Lodge will be cheerfully acquiesced in by all parties. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That P. G. H. N. Clark be recognised as the Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio for two years.

G. W. RACE,
ANSON JONES,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Austin, of Illinois, moved to adopt the report.

On motion of Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, the further consideration of the report was postponed for fifteen minutes.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to enquire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States whether or not a Grand Master of one State can, on the written request of the acting Grand Master of another State, confer on a qualified Past Grand the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees, and if not, that our Grand Representatives be required to offer a resolution in the affirmative, or amendment of the Constitution in this behalf—

beg leave to report that article xv of the by-laws furnishes the rule on the subject. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can confer degrees upon a member of another Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment without the consent of the body to which the brother belongs, given under its seal. The Grand Master of one jurisdiction can confer the Past Official Degrees on a qualified Past Grand, on the written request of the Grand Master of another State, provided the request is accompanied by the consent of the Grand Lodge to which such Past Grand belongs, authenticated according to law; but the Grand Lodge Degree

can only be conferred by a Grand Lodge—see Journal, pages 1090, 1091. In the judgment of the committee it is not competent for a Grand Master to confer that degree under the circumstances mentioned in the resolution. His Grand Lodge may do so, provided it has the consent contemplated by law.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATH'L F. DEERING.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the following resolution from the Grand Lodge of Maryland was referred, to wit:

"Is a brother eligible to the chair of Noble Grand who, in consequence of sickness, was unable to perform the duties of Vice Grand for a majority of the nights of the term for which he was elected, and who was excused from time to time by his lodge?"—

beg leave to report that they answer the interrogatory in the affirmative. The committee make this response on the ground that the absence was occasioned by a Providential interposition over which the officer had no control. It is otherwise where the absence is voluntary, even though he should have the leave of his Lodge. See Journal, page 1886.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN A. GYLES,
NATH'L F. DEERING.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution instructing us to inquire into the expediency of purchasing the "Legislative Guide," by J. B. Burleigh, have had the same under consideration, and report, that from a casual examination of the work, we regard it with favor, and would cheerfully recommend it to the Grand Lodge, if we did not now have a manual upon which we can safely rely. The Grand Lodge but recently purchased Cushings' Manual, and has adopted it as its parliamentary guide; and we consider it inexpedient to undergo the expense of another work so soon thereafter. We wish it understood, however, that we think the "Legislative Guide" a valuable book.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the annexed resolution, offered by Rep. Day, of Tennessee, beg leave to report the same back to the Lodge, and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the daughters of all scarlet members of our Order who are eighteen years of age shall be entitled to receive the degree of Rebekah.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, page 2277, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that the Grand Lodge having adopted the Degree of Rebekah, and it now being a part of the Order, it would be inexpedient to legislate as the resolution proposes. We, therefore, report the same back to the Grand Lodge, and recommend that it do *not* pass.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, page 2276, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We think it is a right which all Lodges should possess to protect themselves from the initiation of persons whom they shall find to be unworthy, after an election has taken place. It sometimes happens that circumstances, seriously affecting the character of an applicant, come to the knowledge of a Lodge after a ballot for membership has taken place. It is better, by far, that a reconsideration should be allowed, than that expulsion should take place after our secrets have been imparted. We therefore report the resolution back to the Grand Lodge and recommend its adoption.

*Resolved*, That in all cases where a candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge has been elected, but subsequent to his election and prior to his initiation, the Lodge shall become satisfied that he is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such election and declare it void; provided that a notice of one week shall be given of the intention to move for such annulment, and that it be done by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report, as relates to the indebtedness of individuals to this Grand Lodge, report that they have examined the claims of this Grand Lodge against several D. D. Grand Sires, and that there stands on the books unsettled the sum of ($883.80) eight hundred and eighty-three dollars and eighty cents. The Grand Secretary has under resolutions passed by this Lodge made repeated efforts to effect a settlement and secure the collection of this money, but without success.

Your committee are not willing to recommend the enforcement of these claims by law, believing that such issues between Odd-Fellows, before the judicial tribunals of the country, would operate a greater injury than any good that could be accomplished by such an amount of money; but recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Subordinate Lodges of which the delinquents are members of their indebtedness, and let them adopt such measures as in their discretion they may deem most expedient.

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. KELLOGG,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Loraine Lodge, No. 4, of Louisville, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, beg leave to report that it appears that at the session of said Grand Lodge, held in July last, the following interrogatory was submitted, to wit:

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| "On the commencement of the fifty-eighth term a member was indebted | $0 90 |
| He was reported sick on the seventh night—due | 87½ |
| He stands indebted up to the seventh night | $1 77½ |
| On the eighth night he paid into the Lodge | 1 00 |
| Indebted | $0 77½ |
| Dues for four nights, up to his death | 50 |
| | $1 27½ |

Is such a member entitled to funeral benefits, and if there are orphans has the Lodge the care of them?"

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the above was referred, made the following report:

"*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the above question and statement, report, that it appears from the statement of the account of the member that he was "not more than thirteen weeks' dues in arrears at the time of his death." He was, therefore, entitled to funeral benefits, and his orphans are entitled to the guardianship and protection of their Lodge.

J. M. MILLS,
J. G ROGERS,
T. W. REID."

This report was adopted, yeas 26, nays 16.

This decision is manifestly erroneous, as it directly conflicts with the enactment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (page 1318,) by which it is declared "that a member sick cannot be permitted, while he continues sick, to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits. The following resolution is submitted:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Loraine Lodge, No. 4, of Louisville, Kentucky, be sustained, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the above recited case, be reversed.

WM. ELLISON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to which was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, have had the same under consideration, and now report: That the same is in accordance with the Constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution, &c. of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions find on their files certain papers emanating from Bugle Lodge, No. 3, located at Fort Union, New Mexico, accompanied by a communication from P. G. Horace Brooks.

The facts of the case appear as follows:

On the 18th day of March, 1853, the Grand Sire issued a warrant for Bugle Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Fort Union, New Mexico. (Proceedings 1853, p. 1988.) This action was confirmed by the Grand Lodge. The effort to establish a Lodge in that remote region where few out of the army of the United States would be enabled to

connect themselves with the Order, was upon the supposition that it "would prove beneficial to the association, and at the same time be advantageous to the army in promoting discipline and elevating the character of the soldier." On the 16th of February, 1854, (the 7th night of the 2nd term,) the Lodge then numbering twenty-eight members in good standing, by regular proceedings, voluntarily agreed to surrender the warrant, papers, and effects to this Grand Lodge, having first appointed P. G. Horace Brooks to settle with this Body and procure a final adjustment of the affairs of Bugle Lodge.

A communication from P. G. Brooks, under date of March 2nd, 1854, asks that the Grand Lodge of the United States issue final cards to the twenty-eight brothers who are certified as in good standing; and after the payment of all expenses for cards, transportation, &c., that the remaining portion of the funds—amounting at the time of the surrender of the warrant to $224—be divided pro rata among the recipients of the cards.

Regretting that the efforts to establish a Lodge for the benefit of the soldiers stationed upon the western frontiers of the country, where they are measurably deprived of the enjoyments of social life, outside of their immediate ranks, has not met with the success expected by those to whom the warrant was granted, we are yet gratified with the fact that the proceedings of the Lodge have been in conformity to the laws and requirements of this body.

Deeming the prayer of the petitioners just and proper, we offer for adoption the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the officers of this Grand Lodge issue withdrawal cards to the twenty-eight members of Bugle Lodge, No. 3, N. M., certified to have been in good standing at the time of the surrender of the warrant of said Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the officers of this Grand Lodge cause a proper disposition to be made of the property left by said Lodge, and take possession of the proceeds thereof, as well as of the cash in the treasury; and after the payment of all expenses for cards, transportation, &c., connected with closing up the affairs of said Bugle Lodge, that the amount of money then remaining be forwarded to P. G. Horace Brooks, to be divided pro rata among the twenty-eight members of said Lodge.

WM. G. WILLIAMS,
F. D. MULFORD.

Rep. Hodgson, of District Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, requiring the Grand Secretary in making up the printed Journal of this Grand Body to change the present mode of reference, having considered the same, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the proposed change would cause a delay in the printing as well as additional labor, and increase the expenses of this Grand Lodge. Believing that the present mode is sufficient for all practical purposes, beg leave to report the resolution back to this Grand Lodge, and recommend that it do not pass.

JOHN W. HODGSON,
CHARLES H. DENISON,
M. PURDIN.

Leave of absence after this day was granted, upon motion of Rep. Bailey, of Missouri, to Rep. Veitch, of that State.

Also, upon motion of Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, to Rep. Jones, of Texas, and Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York.

Also, upon motion of Rep. Wheeler, of Rhode Island, to Rep. Denison, of that State.

Also, upon motion of Rep. Deering, of Maine, to Rep. Banks, of that State.

Also, upon motion of Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, to Rep. Clark, of that State.

Also, upon motion of Rep. Smith, of Northern New York, to Rep. Whalin, of that jurisdiction.

Rep. Brown, of Connecticut, moved that the Lodge reconsider the vote had on Wednesday, page 2263 Journal, affirming the decision of the Chair upon the appeal of Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts.

The M. W. Grand Sire having retired from the chair, and the R. W. D. Grand Sire Manchester presiding, the question was upon the motion to reconsider, when

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, at the last session, page 2158, proposing to reduce the price of supplies, have considered the same, and report that the finances of this Grand Lodge will not allow the reduction proposed. If this resolution should pass, it would become necessary to provide other means of raising revenue sufficient for our wants; and hence we would recommend that the prices of supplies should remain as they now stand. It has been asserted that the Grand Lodge passed the resolution at the last session. This may be so; but the Journal does not show it. As it would be inexpedient to reduce, owing to the necessities of the treasury, we respectfully suggest that there be no change in the law. We hold that the Journal is the index of what the law is, until the Grand Lodge specially directs otherwise; and we would suggest that the Grand Lodge declare, and have it understood that it does declare, that no change took place in the price of supplies on the 1st of July, 1854, in consequence of any action taken upon that subject by the Grand Lodge at its last session.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Also, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Young, of Maryland, page 2295, proposing that it be lawful for Subordinate Lodges to elect scarlet members to the office of N. G. in certain cases therein named, beg leave to report that in reply to a question propounded to the Committee on the State of the Order from the Grand Lodge of Texas, that committee has taken a position which, if sustained by the Grand Lodge, does away with the necessity of any legislation on the subject. To that report we beg leave to refer, and to express our concurrence in the doctrine which it declares. The report is to be found on page 2280 of the Journal of the present session.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER L. STEELE,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented beg leave to report, that upon application to the desk of the Grand Secretary, they find the only Grand Body not represented on this floor at the present session is the Grand Lodge of Florida—and although not directly represented, yet by reference to the correspondence for the past year, your committee are pleased to state that the Order in the jurisdiction of Florida is in a most healthy and prosperous condition.

Respectfully submitted.

AUGUSTUS M. FOUTE,
BENJ. W. BRUNSON,
E. J. CARPENTER.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the special order, to wit: the report of the Committee on Credentials upon the contested election from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which being under consideration—

Rep. Wilstack, of Ohio, moved to adopt the report of the committee.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report of the committee as follows:

*Resolved*, That neither H. N. Clarke, nor H. H. Dodd, are entitled to a seat upon this floor, as the credentials of neither are properly authenticated.

Pending the consideration of the question, the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The hour having arrived fixed for the consideration of the special order, viz: the report of the Committee of the Whole on the Constitution—

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, the special order was postponed for one hour.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time of recess, viz: report of the Committee on Credentials on the contested election from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and the amendment of Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, thereto.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to lay the amendment of Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, on the table.

Rep. Taylor, of New Jersey, moved the previous question.

At this stage of the proceedings the M. W. Grand Sire remarked, that upon reflection he believed that he had erred in the decision made on Wednesday, upon the appeal of Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the decision of the Chair, and would now ask permission to recede therefrom by putting the previous question to the Lodge in precedence of the motion to lay on the table.

The motion for the previous question was accordingly put, and seconded by the Lodge; the main question was then put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Durham, of Kentucky?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Craighead, Carpenter, Connelly, (2 votes,) Day, Denison, Durham, Eckel, (2 votes,) Foute, Glenn, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hicks, Hopkins, Jones, of N. C., Lewis, Lucas, Marley, Mickle, Mountfort, Mulford, Pruett, Purdin, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rucker, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Taylor, Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Veitch, Whalin, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Woolsey, Wolford—53.

NAYS—Banks, (2 votes,) Bier, Boylston, Cheney, Cunningham, (2 votes,) Deering, Della Torre, Dunlap, Edmonds, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Froment, Granniss, Gobright, Gyles, Hale, Hodgson, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of Texas, Lambert, Lamberton, Langworthy, (2 votes,) Long, Mathews, Massey, Ninde, Race, Russel, Williams, (2 votes,) Williamson, Wilstack, Woodward, Young—40.

The question recurring on the report and resolution of the Committee on Credentials, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* on to-morrow, Saturday, 9th instant, at 5 o'clock P. M.

*Resolved*, That the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge be held in Baltimore.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved to amend, by striking out the words, "Saturday, 9th inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M.," and inserting "Wednesday next, at $3\frac{1}{2}$ o clock, P. M."

The hour having arrived to which the special order was postponed, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of that subject, viz: the report of the Committee of the Whole on the Constitution—

The question being on the adoption of the report, the previous question was moved, which being seconded, the Lodge refused to order the main question.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend as follows:

*Resolved*, That the word "second," in the second section of second line of the fifteenth article of the Constitution be so amended as to read "fourth."

Which was not agreed to.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out section nine, article one, and insert the following:—"All power and authority in the Order not delegated by charter to State, District, or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is reserved to this Grand Lodge."

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Deering, Froment, Gobright, Hodgson, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Langworthy, Mountfort, Ninde, Veitch, Williamson, Wolford, Woodward—18.

NAYS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bier, Billinghurst, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Craighead, Carpenter, Connelly, (2 votes,) Clark, Cheney, Cunningham, (2 votes,) Day, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Edmonds, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Foute, Granniss, Glenn, (2 votes,) Gyles, Hackleman, Hicks, Hopkins, Jones, of N. C., Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, Mulford, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rucker, Russel, Smiley, Senter, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Taylor, Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Whalin, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Wilstack, Woolsey, Young—76.

Rep. Robinson now moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Lodge, and the main question was ordered.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved a reconsideration of the vote ordering the main question, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the main question, was put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole on the Constitution?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bier, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Brunson, Craighead, Carpenter, Cheney, Cunningham, (2 votes,) Day, Deering, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edmonds, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, (2 votes,) Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hicks, Hopkins, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Lambert, Long, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, Mountfort, Mulford, Ninde, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rucker, Russel, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Taylor, Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, (2 votes,) Veitch, Whalin, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williamson, (2 votes,) Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Woodward, Young—89.

NAYS.—Billinghurst, Gobright, Hodgson, Lamberton, Langworthy, Lewis, Williamson—7.

The question now recurring on the adoption of the Constitution as amended by the vote adopting the report of the Committee of the Whole—

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend as follows:

Amend section two of article nine, by adding at the end thereof—"provided, however, that any State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction more than fifteen thousand members shall be entitled to three votes, and any State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over thirty thousand members shall be entitled to four votes."

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, made the following point of order:

The Committee of the Whole having submitted a report, which has been agreed to by the Grand Lodge, it is out of order to offer any changes to the report so agreed to without a reconsideration.

The Chair ruled "that the Committee of the Whole had only offered amendments to the Constitution, and that any member of the Lodge had the like privilege."

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania,

Rep. Hopkins, of Northern New York, moved further to amend as follows:

Strike out in the sixth line of section two, article nine, the word "one," and insert "five." After the sixth line insert the words "To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over thirty thousand members in good standing, four Grand Representatives." In the seventh line strike out the word "two," and insert the word "four."

On motion of Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, the amendments pending were ordered to lie on the table. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bier, Billinghurst, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., (2 votes,) Brown, of Conn., Carpenter, Cheney, Cunningham, (2 votes,) Day, Deering, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edmonds, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Glenn, (2 votes,) Gobright, Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hicks, Hodgson, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Kellogg, (2 votes,) Langworthy, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, Mountfort, Mulford, Ninde, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Russel, Senter, Smiley, Smith, Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Taylor, Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Veitch, Wheeler, (2 votes,) Wilkinson, Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Woodward, Young —77.

NAYS.—Craighead, English, Granniss, Hopkins, Hunt, Jones, of Texas, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Long, Mickle, Rucker, Whalin, Williams, Williamson —16.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to amend as follows:

*Resolved*, That article twelve be amended by erasing the word "annually" and insert "biennially," and the same amendment be made whenever the words "annual" or "annually" shall occur in reference to the sessions of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, the amendment of Rep. Askew was ordered to lie on the table.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Constitution, as amended by the vote adopting the report of the Committee of the Whole,

Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the Constitution as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bier, Billinghurst, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Brunson, Craighead, Carpenter, Clark, Cheney, Cunningham, (2 votes,) Day, Deering, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Edmonds, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hicks, Hopkins, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Lamberton, Lewis, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, Mountfort, Mulford, Ninde, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rucker, Russel, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Taylor, Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Veitch, Whalin, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Young —86.

NAYS.—Gobright, Hodgson, Lambert, Langworthy, Long, Williamson—6.

On motion of Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee of the Whole on the By-Laws and Rules of Order.

And upon his motion to adopt the same, he moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole on the By-Laws?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bier, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Brunson, Craighead, Carpenter, Clark, Cheney, Cunningham, (2 votes,) Day, Deering, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Edmonds, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hicks, Hopkins, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, Mountfort, Mulford, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rucker, Russel, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Whalin, (2 votes,) Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Woodruff, Young, (2 votes,)—87.

NAYS.—Billinghurst, Gobright, Langworthy, Veitch, Williamson—5.

The question recurring on the adoption of the By-Laws, as amended by the vote adopting the report of the Committee of the Whole,

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the By-Laws as amended, which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., Barry, of Tenn., Bell, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Brunson, Craighead, Carpenter, Clark, Cheney, Cunningham, (2 votes,) Day,

Deering, Della Torre, Denison, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Edmonds, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hicks, Hopkins, Hunt, Hyde, Jones, of D. C., Jones, of N. C., Jones, of Texas, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, (2 votes,) Mountfort, Mulford, Pruett, Purdin, Race, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rucker, Russel, Senter, Smiley, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Whalin, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Woodruff, Young, (2 votes,)—86.

NAYS.—Billinghurst, Gobright, Langworthy, Veitch, Williamson—5.

The Lodge now considered the report of the Committee of the Whole on the Rules of Order.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend as follows, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the second line of the fifteenth Rule of Order be so amended as to read—"unless it be to adjourn, to lie on the table, the previous question," &c.

The question being on the report of the committee, as amended, it was adopted.

The question recurring on adopting the Rules of Order, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to supervise the engrossment of the Constitution, By-laws and Rules of Order.

The Chair named Reps. Hackleman, of Indiana, Askew, of Delaware, and Veitch, of Missouri, as the committee.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a session of this Grand Lodge be held this evening, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That when the new Constitution is printed for distribution, the R. W. Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorised to cause the names of the Officers and Representatives of the present session to be inserted, together with the yeas and nays taken upon its adoption.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments adopted by the Grand Encampment of Ohio to the Constitution of that Grand Body at the October session, 1853, have had the same under consideration and now report that they find the same do not conflict with any law of the Order; they therefore recommend that the same be approved. Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the finances of this R. W. Grand Body, and respectfully report that they have examined the books of accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary, showing the revenue from all sources received by him and vouchers for the entire amount paid into the treasury. They have also compared the books and vouchers of disbursements of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct, and submit the following exhibit:

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| Balance cash on hand at last report, - - - | | $10,433 70 |
| Returned to G. Treasurer by Rep. Bishop, as over paid, | | 2 00 |
| Cash from R. W. Grand Secretary as per his report to September 5th, 1854, - - - | $15,536 17 | |
| Less amount five notes Grand Encampment of the State of Maine, - - - | 241 15 | |
| | | $15,295 02 |
| Interest received on Maryland State stocks - - | | 484 07 |
| Cash loaned from Chesapeake bank, - - - | | 3,200 00 |
| | | $29,414 79 |
| Disbursements by R. W. Grand Treasurer, - | | 21,206 91 |
| | | $8,207 88 |
| From this balance deduct amount of two drafts on P. D. D. G. Sire of California, in transitu, - - | | 406 55 |
| Cash balance in the treasury, - - - | | $7,801 33 |

*Estimated revenue for the current year.*

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| Representative tax one hundred members at $50, - | $5,000 00 |
| From State Grand Bodies, - - - - | 953 24 |
| From sale of books, - - - - - | 4,500 00 |
| From sale of revised journal, - - - - | 300 00 |
| From sale of index to same, - - - - | 100 00 |
| From sale of cards, - - - - - | 5,500 00 |
| From sale of odes, - - - - - | 300 00 |
| From sale of diplomas, - - - - | 150 00 |
| From sale of warrants, - - - - - | 180 00 |
| Interest on stocks six per cent. on $3,274.46, - - | 196 46 |
| Individual accounts, - - - - - | 100 00 |
| | $17,279 70 |

*Estimated expenditures of present communication and the current year.*

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| Salaries of officers, - - - - - | $2100 00 |
| Rent of office, gas and fuel - - - - | 275 00 |
| | $2,375 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $2,375 00 |
| Mileage and per diem of members, | 10,050 00 |
| Postage and office expenses, | 350 00 |
| Daily Journal of session, | 450 00 |
| Daily Journal of session revised and stereotyped, | 900 00 |
| Printing and binding 1000 Charge Books in the English language, | 200 00 |
| Printing and binding 300 Degree Books in the German language, | 120 00 |
| Paper and printing 60,000 cards, | 675 00 |
| Stationery Grand Secretary's office, | 150 00 |
| New card plate, | 200 00 |
| M. W. Grand Sire, to carry into effect the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, in visiting and giving instructions to the Lodges in British North America, or so much thereof as may be found necessary, | 300 00 |
| | $15,820 00 |

*Assets of this Grand Lodge.*

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| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, | 7,801 33 |
| Proceeds of sale of bond Maryland 6 per cent. stocks, | 5,175 00 |
| | $12,976 33 |

*Investments.*

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| Maryland 6 per cent. stocks, | | 3,274 46 |
| Wildey Loan, | $8,000 00 | |
| Less payments by the Order reported last year, | 1,764 59 | |
| | | 6,235 41 |
| Due from sundry individuals | | 883 80 |

*Due by Grand Bodies.*

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| By the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, | 26 00 | |
| By the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, | 125 00 | |
| " " Illinois, | 219 00 | |
| " " Tennessee, | 283 00 | |
| " " Iowa, | 56 24 | |
| " " Arkansas, | 50 00 | |
| " " Florida, | 84 02 | |
| " " Minnesota, | 110 00 | |
| | | 953 26 |
| " Grand Encampment of Maine, four notes payable annually, | 191 15 | |
| " Grand Lodge of Maine, notes pursuant to a resolution of the session. 1852, | 452 62 | |
| | | 643 77 |

*Supplies on hand.*

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| Cards, 8304, at 10 cents - - - | $830 40 | |
| Degree books, 829, at $2 - - - | 1,658 00 | |
| Charge books, 710, at $2 - - - - | 1,420 00 | |
| Degree of Rebekah books, 640, at $1 - | 640 00 | |
| Odes, 13,391, at 3 cents - - - - | 401 73 | |
| Grand Encampment books, 86, at $1 - | 86 00 | |
| Subordinate " " 908, at $2 - - | 1,816 00 | |
| Institution books, 489, at $1 - - - | 489 00 | |
| Grand Lodge " 92, at $1 - - - | 92 00 | |
| Diplomas, 293, at $1 - - - - | 293 00 | |
| Revised Journal, 527 copies, at $6 - - | 3,162 00 | |
| Index to " 1,006 " at $1 - - | 1,006 00 | |
| Form for Degree Lodges, 1485, at 2 cents | 29 70 | |
| | | 11,923 83 |
| | | $36,890 76 |
| Stereotype plates, 2580 pages, at $1 per page - | | 2,580 00 |
| | | $39,470 76 |

The committee find in the properties of this R. W. Grand Lodge 527 copies of the Revised Journal, which at the valuation fixed by this body is $3,162, and 1006 volumes Index to same, valued at $1 per copy—total $4,168. This property, for reasons stated at length in the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, has not sold to the extent that the Committee on Finance last year anticipated. Your committee are of opinion that such will be the result this year, but as the work is of great value to the Order, and if distributed so that members could obtain it without sending to the office in this city, the sale would be largely increased. To effect the object the committee have in view, they offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorised to sell the Revised Journal to State Grand Bodies, or individuals taking twenty-five copies or upwards, at $5 per copy.

*Resolved*, That the following amounts be appropriated from the monies in the treasury for the following purposes:

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| Salary Grand Recording Secretary, - - - | $1,200 00 |
| Salary Grand Treasurer, - - - - | 200 00 |
| Salary Grand Messenger. - - - - | 700 00 |
| Grand Secretary's office, gas and fuel, - - - | 275 00 |
| Mileage and per diem of members, - - - | 10,050 00 |
| For postage and office expenses, or such sum as shall be paid by the Grand Secretary, - - - | 350 00 |
| Daily Journal session, or such sum as shall be found correct, - - - - - - - | 450 00 |
| For daily Journal, revised and stereotyped, or such sum as may be found due as per contract, - - | 900 00 |

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| Printing and binding 1000 charge books in the English language, | 200 00 |
| Printing and binding 300 degree books in the German language, | 120 00 |
| Paper, and printing 60,000 cards, | 675 00 |
| Stationery for Grand Secretary's office, | 150 00 |
| New card plate, | 200 00 |
| To M. W. Grand Sire, to carry into effect the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, that the M. W. Grand Sire visit and give instructions to the Lodges in British North America, or so much thereof as shall be found necessary, | 300 00 |

And that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue warrants for the above appropriations and for ordinary incidental expenses.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. KELLOGG,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
C. BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials have examined the credentials presented by P. G. M. R. M. Johnson, from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and although they are informal, yet your committee recommend that he be recognised as a Grand Representative and permitted to take his seat on this floor.

G. W. RACE,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Connelly, of Mississippi, asked and obtained leave to enter upon the Journal that if he had been present when the vote was taken to adopt the Constitution he would have voted for it.

The Lodge now proceeded to consider the business pending at the time of taking up the special order on the Constitution, viz: the resolution of Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, touching the adjournment sine die, and the amendment of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, thereto.

On motion of Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On the further motion of Rep. Billingshurst, of Wisconsin, the Lodge agreed to suspend the rule requiring reports to lay over for one day, and to consider the report of the Legislative Committee upon the subject of reducing the price of supplies.

The question being on the motion to adopt the report,

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to the committee to report a resolution for reducing the price of supplies.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, the motion to recommit was ordered to lie on the table.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved that the Lodge take up his motion for adjournment *sine die*, with the amendment of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, pending thereto, which was agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Race, of Louisiana,

Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, as amended,

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt, and

The hour having arrived fixed for adjournment 3½ o'clock, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until this evening at 7 o'clock.

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FRIDAY EVENING—7 O'CLOCK.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the time of the adjournment, viz: the resolution of Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, as amended by the resolution of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, and the question being on adopting the resolution as amended, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Billinghurst, Carpenter, Cheney, Dunlap, Granniss, Glenn, (2 votes,) Gyles, Hunt, (2 votes,) Hyde, Johnson, Langworthy, Lewis, Long, Lucas, Mulford, Ninde, (2 votes,) Purdin, Race, (2 votes,) Russel, Williams, Williamson, Woodward—24.

NAYS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bailey, of Mo., (2 votes,) Bell, (2 votes,) Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Conn., Craighead, Connelly, (2 votes,) Cunningham, (2 votes,) Day, (2 votes,) Deering, Della Torre, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edmonds, Ellison, (2 votes,) English, Fitzhugh, Froment, (2 votes,) Gobright, Hackleman, Hicks, Hodgson, Jones, Lambert, Lamberton, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Moss, (2 votes,) Mountfort, Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. C., (2 votes,) Taylor, Tuthill, Whalin, (2 votes,) Wheeler, (2 votes,) Wilkinson, Woolsey, Woodward—56.

Rep. Banks, of Maine, moved that the Lodge resolve itself into secret session for instruction in the work.

Rep. Taylor, of New Jersey, moved to amend by striking out all after the word resolved, and insert the following:

That the Lodge now proceed to consider the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution as a substitute for the amendment of Rep. Taylor, of New Jersey:

That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, 9th instant, at —— P. M.

Rep. Fuzhugh, of Virginia, moved to lay the whole subject upon the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, it was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, of New Jersey, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees now lying on the table, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, moved to suspend the order just adopted, for the purpose of going into secret session for instruction in the work, which was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following paper:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned most respectfully protest against the decision of this R. W. Body, in refusing to admit P. C. P. H. N. Clark, as a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, to a seat on this floor, for the following reasons:

1st.—The only Constitution recognized by this body is the one known as the old Constitution, under which P. C. Patriarch Clark was elected a Representative to this Grand Lodge from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and a Representative now holds a seat on this floor under the same Constitution.

2nd.—By refusing P. C. P. Clark a seat on this floor this Grand Lodge has virtually decided that credentials signed by *pro tem.* officers are null and void.

3rd.—By establishing this precedent it puts it in the power of the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe to defeat the will of the majority by staying away from the meeting when an election is to take place for a Representative, and then refusing to sign the credentials, thereby depriving a jurisdiction of its full representation on the floor of this Grand Lodge.

4th.—The undersigned is of opinion that the proper officers to sign credentials are those who act at the time the election takes place, whether such officers are those who have been regularly elected, or who are acting only *pro tempore;* it being a universal practice, recognized by this Grand Lodge as well as State Grand Lodges and Subordinates, to recognize cards and other documents which have been signed by *pro tem.* officers.

For these and other reasons, the undersigned ask this protest to be placed upon the Journal of this body.

ANDRE FROMENT,
JAMES W. HALE,
*Reps. from Southern New York.*

By unanimous consent, Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which lies on the table until the next annual communication:

*Resolved,* That the Constitution be so amended as to strike out the word "second," in the second line of the second section of the fifteenth article, and insert the word "fourth."

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of business and reports of committees lying on the table in the order in which they appeared on the journal.

The first business lying on the table, being the question of confirming the minutes of the last session, page 2205, Journal, was considered.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, moved that the minutes be approved.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by excepting so much thereof which fails to record the passage of the resolution passed at the last session to reduce the price of supplies from and after the first day of July, 1854, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, it was adopted.

The next subject lying on the table, being the report of the special committee on the proposition to restore the three months term, page 2252, Journal, was considered.

Rep. Mulford, of New Jersey, moved to adopt the majority report.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the majority committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2263, Journal, relating to an intercommunication with the Manchester Unity, in Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2264, Journal, upon the subject of the Order in British North America, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2265, Journal, upon the subject of interrogatories submitted by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2265, Journal, in answer to certain interrogatories submitted from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2266, Journal, upon the subject of initiating persons of other societies whose obligations may endanger our own, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2266, Journal, upon the subject of the resolution submitted by Rep. Smith, of Northern New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2267, on the resolution of Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2267, Journal, on the resolution of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, was considered.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, of the committee, asked and obtained leave to amend the report by recommending the passage of the resolution of Rep. Wolford, so amended, as to strike out the words "the back of;" and the report, as so amended, was adopted.

The next subject, being from the same committee, page 2268, Journal, on the subject of a resolution from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, touching a change in the Charge Book, was considered, and being a change of the unwritten work, was adopted, a constitutional majority voting for it. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Bayley, of Md., Bailey, of Mo., (2 votes,) Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Billinghurst, Benedict, Boylston, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Brunson, Craighead, Connelly, (2 votes,) Cheney, Cunningham, Day, (2 votes,) Della Torre, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edmonds, Ellison, English, Fitzhugh, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, (2 votes,) Gobright, Gyles, Hackleman, Hicks, Hodgson, Hunt, Hyde, Johnson, Jones, of D. C., Lambert, Lamberton, Langworthy, Lewis, (2 votes,) Long, Lucas, Marley, Mathews, Mickle, Moss, Mountfort, Mulford, Ninde, Pruett, Purdin, Race, (2 votes,) Robinson, (2 votes,) Russel, Senter, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. H., Steele, of N. C., (2 votes,) Taylor, Thompson, Tufts, Tuthill, Whalin, Wheeler, (2 votes,) Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Williamson, Wilstack, Woolsey, Wolford, Woodward, Young—87.

NAYS.—Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Carpenter, Deering, Rucker—6.

The next subject, being the report of the same commitee, page 2268, on the subject of the Book of Diagrams, was considered and adopted.

The next subject, being the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 2268, upon the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 3, of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committtee on Constitutions, page 2269, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2269, on the Constitution of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, of Santa Fe, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Printing, page 2270, on the printing of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, page 2270, was considered.

Rep. Williamson, of the committee, asked and obtained leave to modify the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, as follows:

Strike out the words "nominated by the Grand Secretary and approved," and insert in their place the word "elected."

Rep. Lewis raised the following point of order:

That it is not competent for this Grand Lodge to create an office by resolution which is not provided for by the Constitution.

The Chair ruled the point of order to be well taken, and the resolution of the committee to be out of order. The question being on adopting the report—

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the negative.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2280, on the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Texas, touch-

ing a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand in a Lodge, was considered, which was not adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2280, on the subject of the mergement of the Encampment branch, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report with its accompanying resolutions,

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to lay the report on the table, which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution accompanying the report of the committee,

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, raised the following point of order:

That all authority in Odd-Fellowship not contained in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge is vested in the State, Territorial and District Grand Bodies. That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge confers upon it no power to strike out of existence State Grand Bodies, and therefore it is not competent to entertain a resolution that contemplates that result.

The Chair ruled that the resolution was in order—that it contemplated striking out of existence no Grand Body.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, the previous question was moved, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution accompanying the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Bailey, of Mo., (2 votes,) Billinghurst, Benedict, Boylston, Brown, of Conn., Craighead, Carpenter, Connelly, (2 votes,) Day, Deering, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edmonds, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Hale, Hicks, Hunt, (2 votes,) Johnson, Lamberton, Langworthy, Lewis, (2 votes,) Lucas, Mathews, Massey, Mickle, Mulford, Pruett, Race, (2 votes,) Rucker, Russel, Smith, of N. N. Y., Smith, of Ala., Steele, of N. C., (2 votes,) Taylor, Tuthill, Williamson, Wilstack, Woodruff, Woodward—53.

NAYS.—Bayley, of Md., Barry, of Tenn., Barry, of Ind., Bell, Bridgman, Cheney, Cunningham, Della Torre, Ellison, (2 votes,) English, Fitzhugh, Gobright, Gyles, Hackleman, Hodgson, Hyde, Jones, D. of C., Lambert, Long, Marley, Moss, Mountfort, Ninde, Purdin, Robinson, (2 votes,) Senter, (2 votes,) Steele, of N. H., Thompson, Tufts, Whalin, Wheeler, (2 votes,) Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Woolsey, Wolford, Young—41.

The next subject, being the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 2284, on the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Maryland,

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Jones, of District Columbia, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. G. W. Woodward from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that a Subordinate Lodge may expel a member for non-payment of dues, have examined the subject matter committed to them, and would ask leave to report—that although the subject is one for local legislation, yet, in the opinion of your committee, the extreme penalty of our laws should not be inflicted upon any brother unless convicted by his peers of some criminal offence, recognized as such by the laws of the Order.—To confound misfortune with crime is not in accordance with the sublime principles of Odd-Fellowship. Expulsion for non-payment of dues places it entirely out of the power of a Lodge to restore a worthy brother, who may desire it, again to membership.

The facts in the present appeal are as follows:—A question was presented to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, whether a Subordinate Lodge could regularly expel a member for non-payment of dues? The Grand Lodge decided that a Lodge had not the right to expel for non-payment of dues; at a subsequent meeting the Lodge reversed the decision. The appeal is based upon section 7 article VI, of the Constitution for Subordinates, which is as follows:—"Any member who shall become indebted to this Lodge for the amount of twelve months' dues may be suspended during pleasure at the option of the Lodge." As the Grand Lodge of Illinois, since this appeal was taken have reversed their decision, so that it now corresponds with the opinion of the appellant, the committee recommend that said appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Hodgson, of District Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, instructing the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of having the installation ceremony inserted in all Encampment Charge Books that may hereafter be printed, having considered the subject, beg leave to report, that in the opinion of your committee all the Charge Books should contain the form of installation. As it is now, but one book containing the installation service is allowed to each Subordinate Encampment, while the service is allotted to three or four Officers, and great inconvenience would be avoided by having the installation in all the Charge Books. They therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all Charge Books that may be printed hereafter shall contain the form of installation.

JOHN W. HODGSON,
MATHEW PURDIN.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Mileage:

Whereas an error having been made on last year by the committee in estimating the mileage from California of four hundred miles; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the subject be referred to the present Committee on Mileage, and if found correct the same to be allowed.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the select committee on that subject, made the following report, when the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The select committee appointed to superintend the enrolling of the new Constitution upon parchment beg leave to report, that they have found it necessary to engross the Constitution as it passed this Grand Body before placing it in the hands of a competent scribe for enrollment. The labor of engrossing was greater than your committee anticipated, and the engrossment was not completed by them until this morning. They are satisfied that the enrollment as ordered by your Grand Body cannot be completed before the adjournment of the Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore submit the question whether the instrument shall be enrolled or not to your determination. They report that the copy of the Constitution herewith submitted is a full, true, and correct copy of the Constitution as it passed the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States on the 8th day of September, 1854.

Respectfully submitted. P. A. HACKLEMAN,
H. F. ASKEW.

Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, moved that the committee be instructed to have the Constitution handsomely enrolled on parchment.

Rep. Banks, of Maine, moved to amend as follows:

That the Committee on Enrollment be directed to number the articles and sections as articles only, commencing with number one, and so onwards.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to, and the resolution of Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to report a plan, merging the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, inquire into the expediency of so amending the written work of the Order as to restore to the Initiatory Degree some of the effective ceremonies of the old work; and if said committee deem it expedient, that they report at the next session of this Grand Lodge the Initiatory Degree in a new form, embracing the proposed amendments.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns having had the returns from Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, of Arkansas, for the term ending June 30, 1854, under examination beg leave to report the same as correct.

Respectfully submitted. TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
H. L. RUCKER.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved that the Lodge now resolve itself into secret session for instruction in the work.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved that the motion lie on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to go into secret session—

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, moved the previous question: the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge resolve itself into secret session for instruction in the Work?" which was agreed to.

The Lodge accordingly resolved itself into secret session.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, and, on motion, resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Hodgson, of District Columbia, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Jones of that jurisdiction, from and after 3½ o'clock this day.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, asked leave of absence for Rep. Jones of that jurisdiction, from and after the morning session, which the Lodge refused to grant.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, asked leave of absence for Rep. Wilstack of that jurisdiction, from this day, which the Lodge refused to grant.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, asked leave of absence after 11 o'clock this night, which the Lodge refused to grant.

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, asked leave of absence for Rep. Edmonds, of Virginia, after this morning session, which the Lodge refused to grant.

On motion, of Rep. Russel, of Vermont, the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote by which it determined to adjourn *sine die* on this day.

The question being on the motion to adjourn this day *sine die*,

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved to strike out this day and insert Monday next at 3½ o'clock.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved further to amend by striking out the words "this day *sine die*" and inserting the words, "when it shall have finished its business."

Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, moved to lay the amendment of Rep. Race on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Race, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Eckel, it was adopted—

And the resolution as thus amended, was adopted.

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Representatives Young, Marley, Bayley, and Ninde, of Maryland, and to the officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge residing in Baltimore, for the very liberal manner in which they have entertained the officers and members of this body during the recess of three successive days.

Rep. Banks, of Maine, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the committee authorized to report a plan of mergement of the Encampment branch.

*Resolved,* That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their endeavors to have the "old Work" substituted for that now in use.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that they all be approved, except that to section 10th, article V, which they recommend be not approved.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
P. C. SMITH.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance recommend payment of the following amounts for services to the Grand Body:

To Jacob Mearis, for services in taking care of and cleansing Grand Lodge room during present session, - - - $10 00
To W. C. Cunningham, as assistant messenger present session, 16 00

*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Secretary draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the above amount.

A. S. KELLOGG,
C. BILLINGHURST,
THOMAS T. SMILEY.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the account of Charles Wolford, for drawing and painting book of diagrams, amounting to $275, and recommend its payment, and that the R. W. Grand Recording Secretary draw his warrant on the Treasurer for same.

A. S. KELLOGG,
C. BILLINGHURST,
THOMAS T. SMILEY.

The Lodge again resolved itself into secret session, when, after several hours passed therein, it resumed its ordinary session.

And, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

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SATURDAY EVENING—7½ O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order of adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolutions, which were, on his motion, laid on the table:

WHEREAS action was had at the last session of this R. W. Body on a report of a committee to whom was referred the subject of dues and benefits, and whereas it is understood by many connected with the Order that it is the ultimate design of this Grand Lodge to legislate upon that subject; therefore

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge has no desire whatever to interfere with the legislation of Subordinates on this subject, but that they leave it entirely in the hands of each jurisdiction to make such laws as they may deem advisable in reference to dues and benefits, and as may best promote the welfare and prosperity of the Order.

*Resolved*, That the law passed at the last session, calling for certain statistical returns in connection with dues and benefits, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Hale, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report, which upon his motion was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distances travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of the Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each is entitled under the resolution adopted by this body in 1850.

As the table was prepared while the resolution was in force which had in view an adjournment of this Grand Lodge on Saturday, it contains only the per diem of Representatives to and including that day. The Grand Lodge having since decided not to adjourn on Saturday, it will be necessary to make a supplementary report on per diem.

For the convenience of addressing Representatives, the committee have thought it advisable to insert their professions, as well as residences, in the accompanying table.

In submitting this report, your committee ask for the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the amounts of mileage and per diem as set forth in the tabular statement herewith presented, is hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. HALE,
E. P. HUNTER,
G. W. BENEDICT.

## TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

| NAMES. | Profession. | Town. | State. | Distance from Baltimore. | Days in Attendance. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAND OFFICERS. | | | | | | | | |
| M. W. G. Sire W. G. DeSaussure, | Lawyer | Charleston | S. Carolina | 710 | 6 | $71 00 | $18 00 | $89 00 |
| R. W. D. G. S. H. A. Manchester, | Lawyer | Providence | Rhode Island. | 400 | 6 | 40 00 | 18 00 | 58 00 |
| R. W. G. C. Junius M. Willey, | Episcopalian clergyman. | Bath | Maine | 580 | 2 | 58 00 | 6 00 | 64 00 |
| R. W. G. M. James M. Cassady, | Notary Public | Camden | New Jersey | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt, | Jeweler | Baltimore | Maryland | | 6 | | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| REPRESENTATIVES. | | | | | | | | |
| Askew, H. F | Physician | Wilmington | Delaware | 75 | 6 | 7 50 | 18 00 | 25 50 |
| Austin, H. S | Lawyer | Peoria | Illinois | 1,640 | 6 | 164 00 | 18 00 | 182 00 |
| Banks, E. P | Watch maker | Portland | Maine | 550 | 6 | 55 00 | 18 00 | 73 00 |
| Bailey, S. H | Manufacturer | St. Louis | Missouri | 1,200 | 6 | 120 00 | 18 00 | 138 00 |
| Bayley, W | Slater | Baltimore | Maryland | | 6 | | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| Barry, R. H | Printer | Nashville | Tennessee | 1,070 | 6 | 107 00 | 18 00 | 125 00 |
| Barry, E. H | Clerk | Indianapolis | Indiana | 790 | 6 | 79 00 | 18 00 | 97 00 |
| Bell, Wm. A | Merchant | Boston | Massachus'ts. | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 00 | 62 00 |
| Bier, Henry | Clerk | New Orleans | Louisiana | 1,490 | 6 | 149 00 | 18 00 | 167 00 |
| Billinghurst, Charles | Lawyer | Junean | Wisconsin | 1,385 | 6 | 138 50 | 18 00 | 156 50 |
| Benedict, Geo. W | Manufacturer | Waterbury | Connecticut | 290 | 6 | 29 00 | 18 00 | 47 00 |
| Boylston, R. B | Lawyer | Winsboro' | S. Carolina | 665 | 6 | 66 50 | 18 00 | 84 50 |
| Bridgman, Joseph | Merchant | Muscatine | Iowa | 1,810 | 6 | 181 00 | 18 00 | 199 00 |
| Brown, Robt. C | Clerk | Fall River | Massachus'ts. | 390 | 6 | 39 00 | 18 00 | 57 00 |
| Brown, F. M | Manufacturer | Windsor Locks. | Connecticut | 330 | 6 | 33 00 | 18 00 | 51 00 |
| Brunson, B. W | Civil Engineer | St. Paul | Minnesota | 1,860 | 6 | 186 00 | 18 00 | 204 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bryson, N. G. | Lawyer | Vicksburg | Mississippi | 1,890 | 6 | $189 00 | $18 00 | $207 00 |
| Craighead, S. | Lawyer | Dayton | Ohio | 675 | 6 | 67 50 | 18 00 | 85 50 |
| Carpenter, E. J. | Bookseller | Brattleboro' | Vermont | 560 | 6 | 56 00 | 18 00 | 74 00 |
| Connelly, J. K. | Lawyer | Fernando | Mississippi | 1,425 | 6 | 142 50 | 18 00 | 160 50 |
| Clark, R. H. | Physician | Milford | Delaware | 145 | 5 | 14 50 | 15 00 | 29 50 |
| Cheney, Chas. C. | Farmer | Emerald Grove | Wisconsin | 1,400 | 6 | 140 00 | 18 00 | 158 00 |
| Cunningham, P. L | Manufacturer | S. Norwalk | Connecticut | 245 | 6 | 24 50 | 18 00 | 42 50 |
| Day, G. W. | Planter | Cornersville | Tennessee | 1,060 | 6 | 106 00 | 18 00 | 124 00 |
| Deering, N. F. | Merchant | Portland | Maine | 550 | 6 | 55 00 | 18 00 | 73 00 |
| Della Torre, Peter | Lawyer | Charleston | S. Carolina | 710 | 6 | 71 00 | 18 00 | 89 00 |
| Denison, C. H. | Merchant | Westerly | R. Island | 355 | 5 | 35 50 | 15 00 | 50 50 |
| Durham, M. J. | Lawyer | Danville | Kentucky | 970 | 6 | 97 00 | 18 00 | 115 00 |
| Dunlap, J. G. | Merchant | New Orleans | Louisiana | 1,490 | 6 | 149 00 | 18 00 | 167 00 |
| Eckel, Henry | Printer | Wilmington | Delaware | 75 | 6 | 7 50 | 18 00 | 25 50 |
| Ellison, Wm. | Manufacturer | Boston | Massachus'ts. | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 00 | 62 00 |
| English, W. | Accountant | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania. | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| Edmonds, J. R. | Physician | Upperville | Virginia | 1,110 | 2 | 11 00 | 6 00 | 17 00 |
| Fitzhugh, E. H. | Lawyer | Wheeling | Virginia | 380 | 6 | 38 00 | 18 00 | 56 00 |
| Foute, A. M. | Lawyer | Jackson | Mississippi | 1,940 | 6 | 149 00 | 18 00 | 212 00 |
| Froment, Andre | U. S. Post Office Agent. | New York | New York | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 00 | 38 00 |
| Granniss, E. C. | Clerk | Macon | Georgia | 895 | 6 | 89 50 | 18 00 | 107 50 |
| Glenn, L. J. | Lawyer | McDonough | Georgia | 880 | 6 | 88 00 | 18 00 | 106 00 |
| Gobright, L. A. | Reporter | Washington | Dis. Columbia | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 00 | 22 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gyles, John A. | Lawyer | Charleston | S. Carolina | 710 | 6 | 71 00 | 18 00 | 89 00 |
| Hackleman, P. A. | Lawyer | Rushville | Indiana | 750 | 6 | 75 00 | 18 00 | 93 00 |
| Hale, James W. | Expressman | New York | New York | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 00 | 38 00 |
| Hicks, I. S. | Mechanic | Jacksonville | Illinois | 1,650 | 6 | 165 00 | 18 00 | 183 00 |
| Hodgson, J. W. | Mechanic | Washington | Dis. Columbia | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 00 | 22 00 |
| Hopkins, Wm. | Professor | Lima | New York | 600 | 5 | 60 00 | 15 00 | 75 00 |
| Hunt, E. P. | Notary Public | Galveston | Texas | 1,940 | 6 | 194 00 | 18 00 | 212 00 |
| Hunter, E. P. | Lawyer | Martinsburg | Virginia | 100 | 4 | 10 00 | 12 00 | 22 00 |
| Hyde, J. E. | Merchant | Detroit | Michigan | 910 | 6 | 91 00 | 18 00 | 109 00 |
| Jones, L. | Clerk | Georgetown | Dis. Columbia | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 00 | 22 00 |
| Jones, E. W. | Lawyer | Plymouth | N. Carolina | 350 | 6 | 35 00 | 18 00 | 53 00 |
| Jones Anson | Planter | Washington | Texas | 2,040 | 5 | 204 00 | 15 00 | 219 00 |
| Johnson, R. M. | Merchant | Fort Smith | Arkansas | 1,875 | 2 | 187 50 | 6 00 | 193 50 |
| Kellogg, A. S. | Merchant | Detroit | Michigan | 910 | 6 | 91 00 | 18 00 | 109 00 |
| Lambert, Henry | Merchant | Pittsburg | Pennsylvania | 335 | 6 | 33 50 | 18 00 | 51 50 |
| Lamberton, W. H. | Lawyer | Franklin | Pennsylvania | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 00 | 62 00 |
| Langworthy, A. J. | Founder | Milwaukie | Wisconsin | 1,320 | 6 | 132 00 | 18 00 | 150 00 |
| Lewis, John L. Jr. | Lawyer | Penn Yan | New York | 520 | 6 | 52 00 | 18 00 | 70 00 |
| Long, P. B. | Tobacconist | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| Lucas, A. J. | Merchant | Marysville | California | 5,770 | 6 | 577 00 | 18 00 | 595 00 |
| Marley, R. | Shoe Manufacturer | Baltimore | Maryland | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| Mathews, Amos | Mechanic | Dubuque | Iowa | 1,545 | 6 | 154 50 | 18 00 | 172 50 |
| Massey, J. A. | Episcopalian clergyman | Mobile | Alabama | 1,325 | 6 | 132 50 | 18 00 | 150 50 |
| Mickle, J. W. | Lawyer | Camden | New Jersey | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| Moss, Daniel | Merchant | Greensburg | Indiana | 750 | 6 | 75 00 | 18 00 | 93 00 |
| Mountfort, N. B. | Lawyer | New York | New York | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 00 | 38 00 |
| Mulford, F. D. | Physician | Pennsgrove | New Jersey | 125 | 6 | 12 50 | 18 00 | 30 50 |
| Ninde, James C. | Lawyer | Baltimore | Maryland | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| Pruett, John W. | Printer | Frankfort | Kentucky | 950 | 6 | 95 00 | 18 00 | 113 00 |
| Purdin, M. | Merchant | Sacramento | California | 5,710 | 6 | 571 00 | 18 00 | 589 00 |
| Race, G. W. | Lawyer | New Orleans | Louisiana | 1,490 | 6 | 149 00 | 18 00 | 167 00 |
| Robinson, E. C. | Dentist, | Norfolk | Virginia | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 00 | 38 00 |
| Rucker, H. L. | Judge | Chicago | Illinois | 1,470 | 6 | 147 00 | 18 00 | 165 00 |
| Russel, Wm. P. | Physician | Middlesburg | Vermont | 500 | 6 | 50 00 | 18 00 | 68 00 |
| Senter, T. G. | Teacher | Portsmouth | N. Hampshire | 500 | 6 | 50 00 | 18 00 | 68 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Smiley, Thos. T. | Lawyer | Nashville | Tennessee | 1,070 | 6 | $107 00 | $18 00 | $125 00 |
| Smith, A. M. | Farmer | Morris | New York | 500 | 6 | 50 00 | 18 00 | 68 00 |
| Smith, P. C. | Merchant | Montgomery | Alabama | 1,125 | 6 | 112 50 | 18 00 | 130 50 |
| Steele, H. | Merchant | Peterboro' | N. Hampshire | 510 | 6 | 51 00 | 18 00 | 69 00 |
| Steele, Walter L. | Planter | Rockingham | N. Carolina | 500 | 6 | 50 00 | 18 00 | 68 00 |
| Taylor, J. N. | Merchant | Patterson | New Jersey. | 215 | 6 | 21 50 | 18 00 | 39 50 |
| Thompson, N. A. | Auctioneer | Boston | Massachus'ts. | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 00 | 62 00 |
| Tufts, C. A. | Apothecary | Dover | N. Hampshire | 505 | 6 | 50 50 | 18 00 | 68 50 |
| Tuthill, W. H. | Lawyer | Tipton | Iowa | 1,860 | 6 | 186 00 | 18 00 | 204 00 |
| Veitch, I. M. | President Telegraph Co. | St. Louis | Missouri | 1,200 | 5 | 120 00 | 15 00 | 135 00 |
| Whalin, Edward | Banker | Rochester | New York. | 580 | 5 | 58 00 | 15 00 | 73 00 |
| Wheeler, John M. | Jeweler | Providence | Rhode Island. | 400 | 3 | 40 00 | 18 00 | 58 00 |
| Wilkinson, D. | Merchant | Pawtucket | Rhode Island. | 405 | 6 | 40 50 | 18 00 | 58 50 |
| Williams, W. G. | Printer | Cincinnati | Ohio | 735 | 6 | 73 50 | 18 00 | 91 50 |
| Williamson, I. D. | Universalist Clergyman | Mobile | Alabama | 1,325 | 6 | 132 50 | 18 00 | 150 50 |
| Wilstack, C. F. | Bookseller | Cincinnati | Ohio | 735 | 6 | 73 50 | 18 00 | 91 50 |
| Woolsey, Daniel | Merchant | Evansville | Indiana | 1,085 | 6 | 108 50 | 18 00 | 126 50 |
| Wolford, C. | Artist | Louisville | Kentucky | 885 | 6 | 88 50 | 18 00 | 106 50 |
| Woodruff, M. | Physician | Columbus | Georgia | 1,015 | 6 | 101 50 | 18 00 | 119 50 |
| Woodward, E. K. | Bookseller | St. Louis | Missouri | 1,200 | 6 | 120 00 | 18 00 | 138 00 |
| Young, James | Printer | Baltimore | Maryland | | 6 | | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| | | | | 84,065 | 580 | $8,406 50 | 1,740 00 | $10,146 50 |

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, which lies on the table:

Amend Article IX, by striking out section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction five thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over thirty thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives. And no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives.

Seconded by Peter B. Long, Rep. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Henry Lambert, Rep. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Wm. English, Rep. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, W. H. Lamberton, Rep. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, John L. Lewis, jr., Rep. Grand Lodge of Northern New York, Addison M. Smith, Rep. Grand Encampment of Northern New York, Anson Jones and E. P. Hunt, Reps. Grand Lodge of Texas, S. Craighead, Rep. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Also, the following, which lies on the table:

Amend Article IX, section 2, by adding at the end thereof the following: Provided, however, that every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to three votes; and every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over thirty thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to four votes.

Seconded by S. Craighead, Rep. Grand Lodge of Ohio, Peter B. Long, Rep. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Henry Lambert, Rep. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Wm. English, Rep. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, W. H. Lamberton, Rep. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, John L. Lewis, jr., Rep. Grand Lodge of Northern New York, Addison M. Smith, Rep. Grand Encampment of Northern New York, Anson Jones and E. P. Hunt, Reps. Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Lodge resolved itself into secret session, pursuant to the special order.

After several hours passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business,

When, on motion of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, the Lodge adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, the reading of the Journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, presented the credentials of Past Grand H. H. Dodd, of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and moved its reference to the Committee on Credentials, with instructions to report this morning, which was agreed to.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns having examined the returns of Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, of Minnesota, for the term ending June 30, 1854, beg leave to report the same correct.

Respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
H. L. RUCKER.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the claim of Rep. M. Purdin, of Sacramento, California, for a further amount for mileage, in attending the session of 1853, beg leave to report, that this committee find the distance travelled by Rep. Purdin, in attending this Grand Lodge to be five thousand seven hundred and ten miles. And that the said Representative was allowed for his attendance at the last session, at Philadelphia, for five thousand one hundred and fifty miles. We do therefore find that an error was committed, and that said Representative should have been allowed for mileage the further sum of forty-six dollars, for four hundred and sixty miles so travelled. We do recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary draw on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Rep. M. Purdin for forty-six dollars.

JAMES W. HALE,
E. P. HUNT,
G. W. BENEDICT.

The Chair announced the following special committee:

*Committee on Mergement.*—Walter L. Steele, North Carolina, Henry F. Askew, Delaware, William P. Russel, Vermont, William H. Tuthill, Iowa, and J. K. Connelly, Mississippi.

The Lodge, on motion, agreed to consider the reports of committees now lying on the table, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal, whereupon —

The report of the Committee on Appeals, page 2284, upon the appeal of Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Maryland, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, in the matter of grievance of John H. Ing, was considered and unanimously adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2289, Journal, upon the appeal from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in the matter of the adoption of a new Constitution, was considered.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, moved the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge pass the motion of Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, to adopt the report and accompanying resolution of the committee?" which was agreed to.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2291, Journal, being the appeal of McKee Lodge, of Kentucky, was considered, and on motion of Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 2291, upon the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2291, upon the Constitution of Acadia Lodge of Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2292, upon the Constitution of Wha-a-toy-a Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, page 2293, upon the appeal of Manayunk Benevolent Degree Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, upon communications from Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Petitions, same page, upon the petition for the Grand Encampment of California, was considered.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved to lay the report and resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and resolution accompanying it, was on motion of Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, agreed to.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2294, upon the petition of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 34, and Cobeynid Lodge, No. 35, of Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, upon the petition of G. Varey and others, for a charter for a Lodge at Brantford, Canada West, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Askew, of Delaware, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article 12: strike out "*annually*" in the first line, and insert "*biennially;*" also the same amendment to the Constitution by striking out the words "annual" and "annually" wherever it occurs with reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and insert "*biennial*" or "*biennially.*"

Seconded by E. K. Woodward, of Missouri, G. W. Day, of Tennessee.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Williams, of Ohio, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend section 2, of Article 9, to read as follows: Grand Representatives shall be appointed as follows, viz: to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction five thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; to every State,

District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction twenty thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall ever have over three Grand Representatives.

Seconded by W. H. Lamberton, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania; Addison M. Smith, Rep. Grand Encampment of Northern New York; H. L. Rucker, Rep. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the certificate from P. Coats and A. S. Foote, styling themselves Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, stating that P. G. H. H. Dodd has been duly appointed Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio to this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that said certificate is the same as the one already passed upon and rejected by your R. W. Body, except as to its date, which is September 8, 1854. Your committee, therefore, conclude that this is no longer an open question, and submit the subjoined resolution as expressive of your former action on the same subject:

*Resolved*, That P. G. H. H. Dodd be not recognized as a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio.

G. W. RACE,
WM. ENGLISH.

The report and resolution being under consideration,
Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows:

That P. C. P. H. H. Dodd is entitled to a seat upon this floor, and that he be admitted accordingly.

The question being on the amendment—
Rep. Mickle, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Williams of Ohio, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report and accompanying resolution of the committee, it was adopted. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Barry, of Tenn., Bier, Benedict, Bridgman, Brown, of Mass., Brown, of Conn., Bryson, Carpenter, Cunningham, Deering, Della Torre, Durham, Dunlap, Eckel, Ellison, English, Foute, Froment, (2 votes,) Granniss, Gobright, Gyles, Hodgson, Hunt, Hyde, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Lamberton, Marley, Mathews, (2 votes,) Massey, (2 votes,) Mountfort, Ninde, Purdin, Race, Rucker, Russell Senter, Steele, of N. H., Tufts, Williamson, Woodruff, Woodward, Young—51.

NAYS.—Bayley, of Md., Bell, Billinghurst, Brunson, Craighead, Connelly, Cheney, Day, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Glenn, Hackleman, Johnson, Lambert, Langworthy, Lewis, (2 votes,) Long, Lucas, Mickle, (2 votes,) Moss, Mulford, Pruett, Robinson, (2 votes,) Smith, N. N. Y., (2 votes,) Thompson, Wilkinson, Williams, (2 votes,) Woolsey, Wolford—35.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge hereby relinquish to Rep. I. D. Williamson all claim to benefit of the copyright taken out by said Williamson (and by him stated to be for the benefit of this Grand Lodge ) of the tables reported by him to this Grand Lodge at the last annual communication on the subject of "Dues and Benefits;" and that he have leave to publish, sell or use the same as to him may seem proper, reserving, however, to the Grand Lodge the right to publish and use said tables for the purposes of the Order.

*Resolved*, That Rep. Williamson have leave to use the reports made to the R. W. Grand Secretary during the past year on the subject of "Dues and Benefits," in the same manner as he may use the subject matter of said copyright: provided, it be with the consent of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and that said reports be not withdrawn from the office, it being expressly understood that this Grand Lodge reserves all the original reports, and the right to publish and use them for the purposes of the Order.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees now lying on the table.

The next report, being from the Committee on Petitions, page 2294, upon the petitions for Lodges and Encampments, during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, page 2298, on the returns of Lodges and Encampments, was considered.

Rep. Deering, of Maine, moved to amend, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Returns be so far amended as to add "Maine" after "Minnesota" in the eleventh line, and after New Jersey in the last two lines; and that the words, "The returns from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maine, though having the form prescribed by the laws of the Order, are so carelessly drawn up as to be difficult to decipher," be stricken out.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, raised the following point of order:

"That the report of the committee, proposing no action, is not the subject of amendment, stating facts only, facts are not the subject of amendment."

The Chair ruled "that all reports of committees were the subject of amendment at the pleasure of the Lodge."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Deering, of Indiana, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Correspondence, page 2299, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, page 2300, proposing additional compensation for translation of the work, was considered.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved to amend by striking out "two" and inserting "one."

The question being on the amendment—

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, asked a division of the question, and the question being on striking out the word "two," it was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the report, with the accompanying resolution, it was agreed to.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be directed to draw a single order on the Treasurer, in accordance with the estimate of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem which may be presented to him and adopted by this Grand Lodge, for the payment of the per diem due to members which have been in attendance since the making up of the report of that committee on the 9th instant, and that such single voucher for the aggregate amount shall be sufficient for the Grand Treasurer to make payment accordingly.

The M. W. Grand Sire made the following communication to the Lodge:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

REPRESENTATIVES: Since the adjournment on Saturday last the sad intelligence has reached us that the angel of death has entered our camp. Representative Edmund P. Hunter, of Virginia, has fallen under the destroyer's hand, and has gone to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." The manly, chivalric, and courteous bearing which characterized his intercourse with his brethren in this body had endeared him to many, and won for him the respect of all. In the prime of his manhood—in the midst of his usefulness the Supreme Creator and Preserver of the Universe has seen good to call him hence. To me Representatives devolves the imparting to you of this our brother's death; upon you devolves the expression of respect for his many manly qualities of regard for him as a brother, and of sympathy for her who deprived of his support must mourn as the widow alone can mourn. To us jointly is permitted the hope that He who hath seen good to afflict will also in his goodness give strength to the afflicted to bear his dispensation.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge upon the subject of the announcement just made by the Grand Sire, in which he paid a just tribute to the character and eminent virtues of the deceased, and moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from us by sudden death our highly esteemed and beloved brother, Grand Representative Edmund P. Hunter, of the Grand Encampment of Virginia; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States sympathise with the jurisdiction of Virginia in the death of our distinguished brother.

*Resolved*, That our sympathy be extended to the widow and orphans of our late brother in the deep affliction and irreparable loss they have sustained.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to his memory, the officers and members wear the usual badge of mourning for three months.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions certified by the Grand Officers, under seal, be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and to the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

The Lodge resumed the order of the day.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, page 2300, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to make up their report so as to pay all members present to-day.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Williams, of Ohio, laid on the table the following paper:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Representative in this Grand Lodge from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, hereby solemnly protests against the action of this Grand Lodge on the 8th inst., in adopting a resolution "That neither H. N. Clark nor H. H. Dodd are entitled to a seat upon this floor;" and also against the action had this day in the rejection of the certificate of H. H. Dodd, thereby depriving the Grand Encampment of Ohio of her proper representation upon this floor, as unwarranted by the Constitution or laws of this Grand Lodge, and an outrage upon the rights of the Grand Encampment of Ohio.

WM. G. WILLIAMS,
*Rep. from the Grand Encampment of Ohio.*

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2308, on the subject of the power of a Grand Master in the case therein mentioned, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, on page 2309, upon the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, upon the subject of eligibility to the office of Noble Grand in the case therein mentioned, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Legislative Committee, page 2309, upon the subject of J. B. Burleigh's Legislative Guide, was considered.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the report by striking out the last sentence, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, the order for secret session at 12½ o'clock was discharged.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2310, upon the resolution of Rep. Day, of Tennessee, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, was ordered to lie on the table.

The next report, of the same committee, same page, on the resolution of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, upon the resolution of Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, upon the subject of initiation and ballot for membership, page 2276, was considered.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the words, "our secrets have imparted," in the seventh line, page 2310, of the report of the Legislative Committee, be stricken out, and the word "initiation" be inserted.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report as amended—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, as follows:

Strike out in the fourth line of the resolution on page 2276 all after the word "void" to the word "by" in the sixth line.

The question being on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and accompanying resolution, as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 2311, upon the subject of indebtedness of D. D. Grand Sires, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Day after 2½ o'clock this day.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the special order.

The next report, being the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 2311, on the appeal of Loraine Lodge, No. 4, of Louisville, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, the report was adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 2312, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Petitions, same page, on the petition of Bugle Lodge, of New Mexico, and the communication relating thereto, from P. G. H. Brooks, of New Mexico, was considered.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved to strike out all after the word "Treasury" in the third line.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolution, it was adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Printing, page 2313, on the subject of changing the order of reference in the Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2315, on the resolution of Rep. Young, of Maryland, proposing that it be lawful to elect scarlet members to the office of Noble Grand, was considered.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the resolution of Rep. Young, of Maryland, proposing that it be lawful for Subordinate Lodges to elect scarlet members to the office of Noble Grand in certain cases, be re-referred to the Legislative Committee, and that the same lay over with the unfinished business of the session.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, on motion of Rep. Williams, of Ohio, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

The next report, being from the Committee of Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2320, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, page 2321, was considered.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to make a deduction of twenty per cent. upon the price of the Revised Journal, when purchased to be sold.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be directed to forward by mail to each officer and member of this body one copy of the proceedings of Saturday and Monday; and also one copy of the new constitution, printed in pamphlet form, so as to be conveniently bound into the digest. And that he be also directed to forward by mail one copy of the proceedings of both the above named days to such persons as may be designated in lists furnished by the members in attendance; the number not to exceed that heretofore furnished daily.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, touching expulsion for non-payment of dues, page 2330, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem present the annexed supplementary tabular statement, containing the amount of per diem pay to which each are entitled since the report of this committee on Saturday last.

Your committee in submitting this their final report ask respectfully that the following resolution be adopted, and that they be discharged from further service:

*Resolved*, That the amount of four hundred and sixty-eight dollars for per diem, as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid.

E. P. HUNT,
G. W. BENEDICT.

*Supplementary Table of Per Diem.*

| NAMES. | Number of Days. | Amount. |
|---|---|---|
| GRAND OFFICERS. | | |
| M. W. G. S. DeSaussure.. | 2 | $6 00 |
| R. W. D. G. S. Manchester | 2 | 6 00 |
| R. W. G. C. J. M. Willey. | 2 | 6 00 |
| R. W. G. M. J. M. Cassady | 2 | 6 00 |
| R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt | 2 | 6 00 |
| REPRESENTATIVES. | | |
| Askew, H. F..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Austin, H. S..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Bayley, W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Barry, R. H..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Barry, E. H..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Bell, Wm. A..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Bier, Henry..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Billinghurst, C..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Benedict, Geo. W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Bridgman, Jos..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Brown, Robt. C..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Brown, F. M..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Brunson, B. W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Bryson, N. G..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Craighead, S..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Carpenter, E. J..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Connelly, J. K..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Cheney, Chas. C..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Cunningham, P. L..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Day, G. W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Deering, N. F..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Della Torre, Peter..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Durham, M. J..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Dunlap, J. G..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Eckel, Henry..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Ellison, Wm..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| English, Wm..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Fitzhugh, E. H..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Foute, A. M..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Froment, Andre..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Granniss, E. C..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Glenn, L. J..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Gobright, L. A..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Gyles, John A..... | 2 | $6 00 |
| Hackleman, P. A..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Hodgson, J. W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Hunt, E. P..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Hyde, J. E..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Johnson, R. M..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Kellogg, A. S..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Lambert, Henry..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Lamberton, W. H..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Langworthy, A. J..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Lewis, John L. Jr..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Long, P. B. ..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Lucas, A. J..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Marley, R..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Mathews, Amos..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Massey, J. A..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Mickle, J. W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Moss, Daniel..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Mountfort, N. B..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Mulford, F. D..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Ninde, Jas. C..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Pruett, John W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Purdin, M..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Race, G. W..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Robinson, E. C..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Rucker, H. L..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Russel, Wm. P..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Senter, T. G..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Smith, A. M..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Steele, H..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Thompson, N. A..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Tufts, Chas A..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Wilkinson, D..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Williams, W. G..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Williamson, I. D..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Woolsey, Daniel..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Wolford, C..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Woodruff, M..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Woodward, E. K..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| Young, James..... | 2 | 6 00 |
| | 156 | $468 00 |

The next report, being from the Committee on Printing, on printing the installation ceremony with the Charge Book, page 2330, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, on the returns from Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas, page 2331, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, page 2333, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, recommending payment for the Diagrams, same page, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from same committee, for the payment of certain expenses of the session, same page, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Mileage, on the claim of Rep. M. Purdin, of California, page 2340, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That twenty-five dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, or as much thereof as is necessary, to pay for postage, newspapers, and ice for the day's session.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance having carefully examined the fiscal condition of this R. W. Grand Body, the state of its treasury, sources of revenue and expenses, would most respectfully ask the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject.

The annual report of the R. W. Grand Secretary presents clearly the state of the treasury to the period at which his report was closed, with estimate of receipts up to and during the session. His supplemental report proves his estimate to be nearly accurate, the probable amount stated by him as applicable to the expenses of the present session being $8,375. The actual amount of cash in the treasury at the time of the examination of same by your committee was $7,801 33. Since which time the Grand Lodge have ordered the sale of a bond for $5,000 of Maryland six per cent. stock, and the same has been sold at a premium of 3⅞ per cent., and the amount, principal, and premium (5,175) placed in the Treasury, - - - - 5,175 00

Making a total of - - - - - - $12,976 33

Applicable to the expenses of the present session, estimated at $15,820, and will rather exceed than fall short of the estimate, the session being prolonged beyond the usual time six days, the per diem and postage items thereby materially increased.

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| Estimate of expenses, - - - - - - | $15,820 00 |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, - - - - | 12,976 33 |
| Excess of appropriation over amount in the Treasury, | $2,843 67 |

It is thus shown that instead of commencing the current year clear of debt and having the revenue accruing during the year to meet the expenses of the next session the receipts of the year will be chargeable with $2,843 67 expenses of the present communication. As this excess is not all due at the present moment, but maturing at different periods during the year, it is perhaps safe to rely upon there being funds in the treasury from sales of supplies to meet all demands as they mature. To put however the matter beyond all preadventure, so that the credit of the Grand Lodge shall under no circumstances be tarnished, (or your Grand Officers obliged to appear in the money market as borrowers to save its credit as was the case last year) your committee recommend that the bond of the State of Maryland six per cent. stock for $3,274 46 should be sold at not less than par if needed to meet claims against this body. A sale of the bond and proceeds of two drafts, $406 55, on a P. D. D. Grand Sire of California, recently received in settlement of his account, and which will probably be realized in sixty days, will pay all claims to close of present session. We then shall have Representative tax and sales of supplies to rely on for the expenses of the next communication. It is believed by your committee that the revenue from these sources will cover the expenses, especially as the Grand Lodge has determined with great unanimity to adhere to the prices fixed in 1850. In the opinion of your committee the present is a favorable time to fully test the question of relying solely for revenue for the support of this R. W. Grand Body from the Representative tax and ordinary sale of supplies. If it shall prove sufficient, it appears to your committee as the least burdensome taxation that can be devised for the support of this body. The question of reducing the price of supplies does not perhaps now come legitimately before the committee, but in view of the agitation there has been on the subject, and the expectation raised by the report of the Committee of Finance last year that prices would be reduced, your committee cannot refrain from expressing the hope that State Grand Bodies will see the importance of retaining the present price of supplies, and will so instruct the Representative until such time as the question shall be fully tested as to raising a sufficient revenue from these sources, and until a small surplus shall be accumulated to fall back upon in case of need.

While your committee would deprecate an overflowing treasury, (drawn by direct or indirect taxation from the Order,) the tendency of which is to lavish expenditures in all public bodies, on the other hand they would equally deprecate a barren or crippled treasury; should such ever be the case in this body, it will be found that its energies are paralyzed, and for all useful and practical purposes destroyed. With these views your committee submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be and are hereby authorized to sell Bond No. , Maryland State Stock, (six per cent.,) $3,274 46, should they deem it necessary or advisable for the highest price that can be obtained; and that full power is hereby given to said officers to execute the necessary assignment of same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. KELLOGG,
C. BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Amend section 3, Article 1 of the Constitution, by striking out in the second line the words "and Grand Encampment;" in the seventh line, same article and section, the words "and Grand Encampment," and in the ninth and tenth lines, same article and section, the words "and two Grand Encampments."

Amend section 4, same Article, by striking out of the first line the words "or Grand Encampment;" in the fourth line the words "or Encampment;" in the fifth line the words "or Grand Encampment;" seventh and eighth lines the words "or Grand Encampment," and ninth line the words "or Grand Encampment."

Amend section 7, same Article, by striking out in the third line the words "or Grand Encampments."

Amend Article 2 by striking out of the fifth line the words "and Grand Encampments."

Amend section 2, Article 4, by striking out of ninth and tenth lines the words "and Grand Encampment;" fourteenth and fifteenth lines the words "or Grand Encampment" and the words "or Grand Patriarchs;" twenty-first line the words "and Encampments."

Amend section 1, Article 4, by striking out the words "or Encampment."

Amend article 6 by striking out of the ninth line the words "and Grand Encampments."

Amend section 1, Article 9 by striking from the second line the words "and Grand Encampments;" fifth and sixth lines the words "or Grand Encampment;" eighth line the same words, "or Grand Encampments."

Amend section 2, Article 9 by striking from second line, "or Grand Encampment;" fifth line the same words.

Amend section 3, Article 9 by striking out the words "He must have received the Royal Purple degree and be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing."

Amend section 4, Article 11 by striking out the words "or Encampment."

Amend Article 12 by striking out the words in the seventh line, "and Grand Encampments."

Amend section 1, Article 14 by striking out in the first line the words "or Encampments;" in the same line the words "or Encampments."

Amend section 2, Article 14 by striking out of the first and second lines the words "and Grand Encampments."

Amend section 1, Article 15 by striking out of the second line "and Grand Encampment;" in the third line the word "and Encampment."

Amend section 1, Article 16 by striking out of the third line the words "or Encampments."

Amend section 2, same Article, by striking out of the second line the words "or Encampments;" out of the third line the words "or Encampments;" out of the fourth line the same words.

Amend section 4, same Article by striking out the words "or Encampment" wherever they occur.

Amend Article 20 by striking out the words "and Grand Encampments."

Seconded by G. W. Day, of Tennessee, N. G. Bryson, of Mississippi, J. K. Connelly, of Mississippi, C. Billinghurst, of Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, A. J. Lucas, California, E. J. Carpenter, Vermont.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved to take up his resolution now lying on the table on the subject of dues and benefits, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, moved to reconsider Article 14 of the By-Laws, which was agreed to.

And the said 14th Article being under consideration,

Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, moved to amend the article as follows, which was adopted:

Amend Article 14, By-Laws, by adding after the word "visit" in the first line the words, "*or deposit his card in.*"

The question recurring on the adoption of the By-Laws, as amended, it was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Article 9 of the new Constitution adopted by this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "*two,*" in third line, and inserting the word "*four*" before years.

Seconded by G. W. Race, of Louisiana; R. M. Johnson, of Arkansas; Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina.

Rep. Smiley, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of the United States, that a select committee of five be appointed whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency and practicability of establishing an institution or institutions of learning, either national or local in their character, with ample endowments and accommodations for the education and support of every Odd-Fellow's orphan throughout the entire jurisdiction who will avail themselves of its charity —an institution or institutions commensurate with ability of a great moral association, now numbering nearly 250,000 members, and with a revenue of nearly ($1,500,000) one million and a half of dollars. That said committee be instructed to ascertain the number, condition, and character of any colleges or academies that have already been founded, either by State Grand Lodges or Encampments, or their Subordinates, and that they report some plan for the consideration of this Grand Lodge at the next regular session.

On motion of Rep. Williams, of Ohio, the subject was laid on the table.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved that the Legislative Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject touching the business of Subordinate Lodges being transacted in the scarlet degree, and that the same be referred to the next session, which was agreed to.

Rep. Langworthy, of Wisconsin, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Strike out section 9, Article 1.

Seconded by Rep. Williamson, of Alabama and Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia.

Rep. Day, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hold its next annual session in the city of Nashville, Tennessee.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved to amend by striking out Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, and insert Baltimore, Maryland.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Day, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Select Committee appointed to superintend the engrossment of the Constitution passed on the 8th inst. beg leave to make a further report.

They have had the same duly enrolled on parchment, have carefully compared it with the engrossed copy, and find that the same has

been correctly enrolled; they, therefore, report the enrolled copy of the Constitution as correct, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
H. F. ASKEW.

Rep. Della Torre, of South Carolina, moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the copy of the Constitution reported by the Committee on Enrollment be attested by the seal of this body and the signatures of the Grand Officers.

*Resolved*, That the enrolled copy do remain at the desk of the Grand Secretary for the rest of this day, to afford an opportunity to as many members of this body to affix their signatures as may think proper.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, moved to amend as follows:

And that the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, now absent, be allowed to authorize the Grand Secretary to affix their names thereto.

The question being on the amendment, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolutions as amended they were adopted.

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, moved that the Lodge now consider the report of the Committee on Appeals, and the resolution accompanying, page 2117 of the Journal, touching the case of P. G. J. N. Marks, of Louisiana, which was agreed to, and the same being under consideration,

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved the adoption of the report of said committee on page 2172 of the Journal of last session; upon which he called the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was not ordered.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, to adopt the report on page 2172,

Rep. Dunlap, of Louisiana, moved as a substitute for the motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, the adoption of the report of the Committee on Appeals on page 2117 of the Journal of last session.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That an appropriation of twenty-five dollars, or so much as may be required thereof, be made, for the purpose of paying for the enrollment on parchment of the Constitution.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved that the Lodge now adjourn *sine die*, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when 3½ o'clock, the hour fixed for adjournment *sine die*, having arrived—

After prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'ry.*

# Suspensions and Expulsions

## FROM THE ORDER, DURING THE YEAR 1853-54.

### MARYLAND.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 2, John C. Gobright, improper conduct, 6 mos.; 5, W. W. Christopher, C. C. Lanpher, James A. Gibson, improper conduct; Jacob Stahl, Robert Scott, J. P. Merritt, intoxication; 6, L. A. Goldsmith, conduct unbecoming; 7, John C. Hirsch, conduct unbecoming, 6 mos.; 9, Henry Busch, Sr., intoxication, 6 mos.; 18, James H. Smith, conduct unbecoming; 26, J. D. Proctor, John Travers, conduct unbecoming, 9 months; 45, James Curley, A. M. Gossona, conduct unbecoming; 49, Christian Kolb, George Kamm, conduct unbecoming; Samuel Leghty, intoxication; 51, Frederick Schelling, George Marz, conduct unbecoming; 55, Victor Winckler, contempt; Andrew Hawsdorfer, conduct unbecoming; John Friesch, conduct unbecoming; 60, Joseph Keefer, conduct unbecoming; Joseph C. Worthington, drunkenness; W. L. Campbell, fraud; 66, Robt. F. Benson, Wm. Tar, drunkenness; 67, Isaac R. Taylor, conduct unbecoming; John White, habitual intemperance; 68, James Wingate, contempt; 73, James W. Campbell, drunkenness; 81, Daniel Hawn, intoxication; 88, John Myer, unbecoming conduct.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 5, H. C. Treakle, contempt; 6, Charles Lawrence, stealing; Samuel Sellers, John Anderson, contempt; 8, Cordy Vick, contempt; 9, Patrick Denny, improper conduct; 15, H. Hoffman, contempt; 23, Christian Deets, bad conduct; 24, George G. Green, conduct unbecoming; 31, Wm. F. Bruman, contempt; Daniel Spillman, conduct unbecoming; 35, Henry Kehler, contempt; 45, P. G. William Baldwin, contempt; 47, Henry Kaiser, theft; 50 Job Wharton, perjury; James R. Coomes, divulging secrets of Lodge; 75, Lloyd Regdon, rape; 77, Hix Rouke, fraud and deception; 79, John Frederick, revealing secrets of the Order; 86, James Carlisle, contempt.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge, intemperance 2; conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows 2: names not given.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge, for contempt, 5; conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows, 10; cause not given.

SOUTHREN NEW YORK.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, Ab. McGraff, conduct unbecoming; 6, John Sinclair, drunkenness; 13, John Schubleis, bad conduct; 13, August Mead, bad conduct; 14, George Munch, contempt; Martin Munch, contempt; William Schwarter, contempt; 20, Jas. Manleuvser, embezzlement; 21, John Carroll, improper conduct; 28, R. C. Tlow, contempt; 65, Richard H. Thomas, contempt; 74, Thomas M. Taylor, contempt; 77, James Batchellor, intemperance; 152, Corns. Martineau, conduct unbecoming; 241, Rob. F. Ludlyn, improper conduct; 352, Geo. W. Freed, contempt; 401, C. H. Hefutuhl, drunkenness; 405, Olden J. Elmore and W. J. Petty, immoral conduct; 419, Edgar A. Beam, immoral conduct; 420, James C. Hale, P. G., contempt; W. Clark, drunkenness; 423, Thos. Coombs, contempt.

PENNSYLVANIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 1, John Disert, drunkenness; 9, Jas. W. Bond, drunkenness; 10, Henry Lunkinth, improper conduct; 13, Adam Moffitt, intoxication; 27, Wm. Yost, intemperance; 31, James Sloan, improper conduct; 44, Geo. H. Brandner, intemperance; 45, D. Herwig, improper conduct, and C. Hahn, improper conduct; 54, Miles A. Krewson, intoxication; 58, Jno. M. Jones, contempt; 60, George Stricker, improper conduct; Perry Tillsworth, abusing his wife; 63, Edward Rogers, intoxication; 65, C. F. F. Salmon, improper conduct; 83, Peter Good, improper conduct; 87 Jackson Hutchinson, improper conduct; 90, Wm. H. Craig, intemperance; 103, Tobias Wagner, improper conduct; 111, Gustav. Michel, improper conduct; 117, Rich. Wildbeamer, intoxication; 121, Chas. Fox, Henry R. Boyer, and S. McCauley, intemperance; 129, John Spear, improper conduct; 142, John Welch, improper conduct; 152, James Bell and T. Shell, improperly holding money belonging to the Lodge; 175, John Morratt, improper conduct; 185, E. E. Flavill, improper conduct; 187, Thos. McKeague, intoxication, and Andrew Quinn, improperly receiving the benefits of the Lodge; 191, Christian Reiking, improper conduct; 192, Aaron Bower, contempt; Theodore Gratz, intoxication; 192, John Walton, intemperance; 207, Wm. S. Lenheim, intemperance; 223, Andrew Jackson, improper conduct; 239, D. McMeekin, intemperance; 242, Geo. Edgels, intemperance; 256, G. Albertson, improper conduct; 275, Jno. P. Moore, improper conduct; 299, S. E. Goodwin, intemperance; 302, Peter Lenhart, contempt; 309, David Bird, Robert Kershaw, improper conduct; 315, H. Michael, intemperance; 318, Geo. Bind, improper conduct; 327, Saml. Shirk, Jacob Trone, improper conduct; 334, J. A. S. Carpenter, slander, Jas. Young, drunkenness; 337, Levi Thomas, improper conduct; Stephen D. Tool, intemperance; 338, Hiram Puff, J. N. Radcliff, improper conduct; 357, Mathias Brunet, Jos. Freet, intemperance; 362, Wm. Manison,

And. Manison, intemperance; 373, Wm. S. Webber, intemperance; 377, Wesley Dean, contempt; 397, Geo. Bower, intoxication; Henry Geller, improper conduct; 401, John A. Johnson, assault and battery; 409, T. N. Berlin, improper conduct; 417, John Ban, Nathan Kern, slander; 424, Michael Neidel, Frauz Borgingnown, improper conduct; 436, Jacob Brinker, improper conduct; 454, J. Frederick Gibbs, improper conduct; 469, Alex. Patton, intoxication; 479, J. G. Holmes, improper conduct; 481, A. T. Peck, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, Richard Graham, adultery; 6, Moses Duncan, improper conduct; 12, Robert McVey, larceny; 14, John Getz, intemperance; 16, Jos. L. Easby, intemperance; 21, Henry Schmidt, improper conduct; 25, E. R. Trout, improper conduct; 30, Timothy Gleen, contempt; 36, Thos. McKewen, imposing on the Lodge; 41, Geo. W. Bishop, improper conduct; Jno. T. Smith, intemperance; 45, Peter Baly, improper conduct; 49, Jno. T. Herbst, intemperance; 51, Aug. J. Miller, D. K. Mockibee, contempt; 52, Thos. Kennedy, improper conduct; 59, Samuel Wink, defrauding a brother; 60, Luther H. Eldirdge, bigamy; 74, Alex. G. Corpman, imposing on the Lodge; 75, David Rowe, improper conduct; 85, Aaron Geist, Fred. Weisback, and Edw. Wesco, improper conduct; 89, Wm. McClellan, retaining in his possession $5 75, belonging to the Lodge; 90, Benj. Bear, seduction and desertion; 102 Lewis Gable, gambling, &c.; 103, Wm. M. Gifft, improper conduct, Jno. Alspach, drunkenness; 106, W. Muenster, improper conduct; 110, Jno. McKenny, jr., and Wm. Goodwin, improper conduct; 111, David Hahn, improper conduct; 113, John Benton, improperly receiving benefits; 114, James McDonald, improper conduct; 122, Samuel K. Epler, improper conduct; 117, Henry Helfright, contempt; 129, James Parks, Peter Gain, Robert Lindsay, Geo. M. Book, John Bullar, Wm. A. Becke, Nicholas Clepper, J. L. Foultz, C. B. Hoffman, Adam Hambright, Henry Lichtenberger, Andrew Leader, Saml. Marin, Chas. Plumb, John Reinhold, and Jos. Leader, for contempt; 146, Warren Dickerson, for improper conduct; 157, Joseph Bensinger, intemperance; 158, Jacob Hoyer, improper conduct; 159, Owen Lowbach, contempt; 174, Vallin Shaffer, improper conduct; 175, John Shaffer, improper conduct, and Peter Shetrone, intoxication, &c.; 192, Daniel Reigel, improper conduct; 195, John Kinkade, whipping his wife; 197, Chas. Sprinkel, immoral conduct; 198, Jos. H. Jones, violation of his obligation as Secretary; 204, Abraham Gugor, jr., intemperance; 205, A. R. Kincade, fraud; 207, Z. I. Isabel, imposing on the Lodge; 230, E. F. Austin, immoral conduct; 233, Abraham McCheery, improper conduct; 235, Conrad Lukens and Jos. Slott, intemperance; 236, Jno. Tomlinson, improper conduct; 242, Joseph Stacy, improper conduct; 244, Washington Lockard, improper conduct, and E. S. Bishop, defrauding the Lodge; 269, James Clark, felonious conduct; 274, Alozo A. Nobe, fraud; 279, Wm. M. Ross, intemperance; 282, John Magee, improper conduct; 291, C. Briggs, contempt; 293, D. Fleming and C. Bittenberner, larceny; 297, Henry Hamill, bigamy; 299, H. S. Drake, improper conduct; 301, Peter Roop, improper conduct; 309, James

Taylor, fornication and bastardy; 313, C. P. Cooper, drunkenness; 324, Geo. Rudolph, contempt; 327, R. J. Wintrode, improper conduct; 329, Isaac Poultzler, intemperance; 356, Jesse L. Wise, intemperance; 358, John Zigler, improper conduct; 365, C. P. Austin, intemperance; 366, Wm. Bliss, intemperance; 368, Lafayette Burns and Jno. F. McKiney, improper conduct; 376, J. S. Barber, embezzling funds; 377, J. H. Reinhard, improper conduct; 384, Thomas Strode, contempt; 387, Wm. B. Utz, contempt; 389, T. J. Burdick, fraud; 397, Garret H. Reiff, false pretences; 404, James G. Forrest, improper conduct; 405, A. S. Mendenhall, contempt; 406, C. F. Sapper, improper conduct; 408, S. M. Landis, improper conduct; 413, John Mark, intemperance; 417, Jas. M. Brown, intemperance; 424, Jacob Rupe, improper conduct; 425, Fer'd. E. Hallbam, contempt; 427, Joseph Brownler, improper conduct; 442, Charles Wischeck, improper conduct; 454, D. B. Vondersmith, fraud; 457, Wayne Sproll, improper conduct; 484, Wm. Polk, John McElvey, Wm. Hockenbury, and Wm. O. Baldwin, improper conduct; 485, Jesse Majers and James Stitt, improper conduct.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Expulsions.*—John Mitchell, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; Wm. Truman, drunkenness; W. Meirkins, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

DELAWARE.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 12, Jacob Scott and Thomas Davidson, intemperance; 22, John Churnsides, intemperance; 18, Francis Philips, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 3, James S. Chase, intemperance; 12, John Brily, contempt; 14, Wm. Neal, intemperance; 23, Abijah S. Jackson, fraud.

OHIO.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, James McKinstry, for keeping gaming table; David S. Polock, gross neglect of family; Joseph Bolser, contempt; Chauncey Couch, contempt; George Sollar, aiding and encouraging prostitution; 3, Peter Hune, contempt; 4, J. H. Pruett, absconding from justice; A. Westover and Benjamin G. Thomas, contempt; 6, Arthur Tappan, contempt; James Sinclair, drunkenness; 8, George Hasebrook and John Garvy, contempt; John McDonald, entering the Lodge intoxicated; 9, Charles Eagan, contempt; 10, David Jones Francis, intoxication and abuse of family; John S. Dodge, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 13, E. B. Winbolt, contempt; 14, John Smoegn, intoxication; 17, Thomas W. Watterson, fraudulently obtaining money from a brother; 19, S. Batterson, contempt; 21, Levi Schenck, contempt; 22, Patrick Farrell, contempt; 24, Edward Lewis, contempt; 28, Jacob M. Thomson, Wm. Leatherwood, contempt; 31, Wm. Radford, drunkenness; 33, James Spence, dissipation; 36, Simon Samm, contempt; 41, Sidney Marsh, drunkenness; 52, David

B. Tiffany, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 56, Thomas Bracken, contempt; 71, James Phillips, absconding and swindling; Samuel Jackson, drunkenness; 72, David M. Whitehill, drunkenness; 73, C. W. Sever, conduct unbecoming; 80, W. H. Bacon. contempt; 83, Geo. W. Medary and Wm. S. Griffin, contempt; 84, Samuel Nickols, contempt; 87, James M. Wilkinson, contempt; 89, Richard Sashley, conduct unbecoming; 93, John W. Beecher, contempt; 97, Orin Doty, James Denehew, Wm. Denehew, conduct unbecoming; 100 George Huttell, contempt; Jacob McLaughlin, drunkenness; 109, Wm. Cline, contempt; 123, W. W. Williams, contempt; 124, H. S. Bishop, contempt; 125, Robert Atchinson, contempt; 126, Charles Richardson, contempt; 127, O. F. Hixon, contempt; 130, Frederick Newburgh, fraudulent dealing; 132, Samuel E. Adams, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 134, Wm. F. Eldridge, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 140, G. W. McCracken, contempt; 141, H. Cox, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 142, John R. Johnson, contempt; 151, B. Cambell, contempt; 163, Charles Bowman, contempt; 165, Wm. R. Hollinsworth, contempt; 176, David Cox, intoxication, Wm. Sullivan, contempt; 184, Jonathan Loveberry, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 185, David Riley, habitual intoxication; 194, John D. Nash, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 206, Henry Lorenz, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 220, Theodore Hill, contempt; 222, A. R. Haines, contempt.

## LOUISIANA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 12, Wm. M. Cushing, suspended indefinitely for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 13, J. M. Foster, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 34, L. O. Moreau, suspended twenty years for contempt.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 6, Geo. Coleman, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, and Chas. Cleveland, fraud; 10, H. Ricfling, slander, and Ph. Rauch, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 14, Wm. R. Gallagher, homicide; 16, Israel Gibbons, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, and W. A. Dunlap, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 17, Geo. S. Browning and Robt. Howes, contempt; 20, John Hollander, swindling; 20, B. McGunn, absconding; 24, Thos. Freeman, contempt; 25, Fenelon Cannon, seduction; 27, M. Cazelott, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 27, A. S. Lewis, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 34, Louis F. Arcamant, contempt; 36, William Quinn, drunkenness.

## NEW JERSEY.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 46, Jeremiah F. Mathis, violating the law; 88, John P. Stout, drunkenness; 90, John S. Traphagan, intemperance; 110, C. E. Wheeler, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 19, Edward Dunlard, fraud; 29, David D. Nichols, contempt of the Lodge; 39, William L. Vroon, embezzling the funds; Henry Hill, defrauding the members of the Lodge and others; 48, Henry Davis, attempt to impose upon the Lodge for

benefits by false certificate, John McQueen, slandering a brother; 64, Martin S. Synatt, drunkenness; 66, Joseph Halstell, immoral conduct; 90, James H. McChesney, contempt; 110 John T. Henry, contempt.

KENTUCKY.

*Suspensions.*—One hundred and sixteen; names and cause not given.
*Expulsions.*—Twenty-four; names and cause not given.

VIRGINIA.

*Suspensions.*—George W. Dugan, desecrating the Sabbath, Daniel C. Chambers, intoxication; 3, John Hamilton, intemperance; 4, Robert Graham, intoxication; 5 Thomas Woodhouse, George Hope, drunkenness; 6, Henry Young, Alfred Seal, Otho Pope, intemperance; 10, U. B. Parsley, George T. Martin, intoxication; 13, John Bennett, intoxication; 17, James Simpson, intoxication; 32, George A. Clower, Hugh Purvis, drunkenness; 37, George Thorp, Robert J. Christy, James Daggs, intoxication; 40, H. M. Wilkins, intemperance; 44, Thomas W. Field, unbecoming conduct; 55, George Harvey, unbecoming conduct; 57, A. V. Harding, unbecoming conduct; 58, John Monroe, intoxication; 82, Horace Gray, intemperance, J. H. Fair, violating secrets of Lodge; 91, J. S. B. Callison, drunkenness; 93, J. H. Kennedy, drunkenness, James Hamilton, divulging proceedings of Lodge; 95, John D. Ryan, intoxication; 93, Rev. William Wilson, unbecoming conduct, M. J. Fogg, intoxication: 120, D. Nicol, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, James Y. O'Laughlin, E. Murlatt, Martin Hartman, drunkenness; 3, S. F. Black, improper conduct; 4, John S. Clark, unbecoming conduct; 8, John T. Carter, unbecoming conduct, Richard Shehan, improper and disorderly conduct, W. W. Van Ness, swindling; 10, E. C. Enes, intoxication and unbecoming conduct, William C. Walthall, forgery; 17, William L. Fair, unbecoming conduct, Henry E. Ritchie, forgery and theft; 40, Miletus G. Jones, drunkenness; 47, Alexander Leach, drunkenness; 58, John L. Harris, intoxication and contempt; 75, John Miles, drunkenness; 79, William O. Manning, defalcation; 82, Horace Gray, drunkenness, P. W. Hoskins, unbecoming conduct and failing to support his family; 83, William Bagly, gambling and defrauding a brother, Charles W. Moore, defrauding a brother; 86, John Shug, James J. Pauls, James Randolph, contempt of Lodge; 87, James H. Moyers, unbecoming conduct; 88, Anasias P. Sprinkler, unbecoming conduct, fraud, &c., William B. Morgan, drunkenness; 89, Richard M. Glaskock, defrauding a brother; 95, Dr. B. L. Brown, contempt of Lodge; 96, Hopkins Nowlin, drunkenness; 99, Patrick H. Jones, drunkenness; 100, Andrew E. Zindoff, theft, William B. Acton, circulating a pamphlet of an obscene character; 115, one, (name not given,) leaving his family without means of support; 117, Thomas H. Bayles, drunkenness.

INDIANA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, Stephen C. Clymer, defrauding the Lodge; 3, G. W. Wathem, habitual intoxication; 7, John Cupples,

habitual intoxication, Geo. M. Matthews, keeping a disorderly house; 10, Samuel Allison, defaming the Lodge; 14, Allen W. Lamb, defaming the Lodge; 23, Barnard Becker, intoxication and defrauding; 32, Andrew J. Dennis, conduct unbecoming; 33, Joseph Ledbetter, absconding and neglect of duty; 36, Jesse Wasson, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 39, George W. Long, defrauding the Lodge; 41, James B. Humricut drunkenness and neglect of business; 43, Joseph T. Daugherty, conduct unbecoming; 46, James Davis, adultery; 47, Orange Weltan, attempted fraud; 49, Augustus Defoe, fornication and adultery, George Heartman, forgery, George Dixon, drunkenness; 51, S. W. Williams, adultery; 55, J. W. Butcher, defrauding and absconding; 61, Oliver A. Neff, defrauding Lodge and brothers, John H. George, defrauding brothers; 75, J. E. Thomas, conduct unbecoming; 78, William Bukett, conduct unbecoming; 80, George Loper, conduct unbecoming; 83, Alexander Hamilton, conduct unbecoming; 89, Finley M. Hill, conduct unbecoming; 94, Robert H. Brentlinger, conduct unbecoming; 97, Jacob Brown, drunkenness; 112, Jacob Linn, contempt, Frarz Vogal, contempt; 114, Aduah Hall, habitual intoxication; 115, James W. Shaw, drunkenness and fraud; 120, Milom Ballanger, lying; 123, Martin Snooks, absconding and fraud; 125, E. R. Westcott, grand larceny, J. S. Benson, conduct unbecoming, W. E. Granger, drunkenness; 131, M. M. Wishard, conduct unbecoming, Warren Easterbrook, vagabondism.

## MISSISSIPPI.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 11, J. W. Johnson, intemperance; 18, R. B. Parr, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 23, J. W. Woodward, drunkenness; 34, W. D. Avery and J. Bloomfield, drunkenness, 39, J. N. Montgomery, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 3, W. Dowling and J. W. Wallace, unbecoming conduct; 11, H. Pomroy, contempt; 12, E. Cowgill, contempt; 23, John McGahn, contempt; 24, G. W. Strickland, drunkenness; 32, John A. Moss, unbecoming conduct; M. J. Howard, contempt; 38, J. B. Webb, fraud; 40, Robert Stevenson, perjury; 45, John W. Key, drunkenness; 49, J. A. Nash, contempt.

## MISSOURI.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 4, J. B. Davis, wronging a brother; 15, J. R. Shepherd, intoxication; 16, D. M. Repsher, fraud; 42, D W. Hening, drunkenness, &c.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, J. R. Hills, theft; 11, R. Peyinghans, fraud; 17, L. Elgin, counterfeiting; 19, Columbus C. Craig, drunkenness; 20, Thomas Derrell, drunkenness, &c.; 21, Sidney G. Parish, deserting of family; John W. Modie, defrauding Lodge of funds; Nathan Fields, drunkenness; 27, W. G. Baker, improper conduct; 28, John S. Mellon, malicious charges; 29, S. B. Searcy, gambling and selling liquor without a license; 36, Marcus Williams, wronging a brother; 39, Samuel D. Ross, adultery; J. J. Zuloar, fraud; J. C. Dearing, fraud; 42, James H. Jones, fraud; 45, J. E. Hamilton,

offences against criminal laws of State; 61, J. S. Hopkins, intoxication and revealing doings of Lodge; 62, Morris Goodchild, attempt to defraud Lodge, &c.

ILLINOIS.

*Suspensions.*—Two hundred and ninety-two; names and cause not given.

*Expulsions.*—One hundred and fifty-three; names and cause not given.

TEXAS.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 6, John E. Keough, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 17, L. D. Stevens and Joel G. Henry, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 26, John W. Dunnen, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 28, Jacob Maas, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

ALABAMA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 5, V. Benton and A. Stilt, drunkenness; 8, John Onela, conduct unbecoming; 10, J. Quartimus, conduct unbecoming; 13, Jesse T. Cain, breach of trust; 14, Isaac Winter, intoxication, John Nobbs, absconded; 16, B. C. Thomas, abuse of wife; 17, Francis Webb, drunkenness; 19, J. A. Taylor, forgery; 20, R. T. Crowson, conduct unbecoming, A. J. Pruitt, adultery; 43, T. L. Folk, conduct unbecoming; 52, John R. Pattison, drunkenness.

CONNECTICUT.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 6, Asael Hubbard, defrauding a brother; 12, John Kelsey, drunkenness; 69, David S. Burr, slander.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 3, Wm. B. Smith, jr., immoral conduct; 6, Miles L. Hoodley, neglecting his family; 36, Alfred Stephen, prostitution; 75, G. N. Griffin, theft.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 8, J. D. Sunrel and R. W. Murray, intoxication; James A. Williams, habitual drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 8, John M. Hull and W. R. Roberts, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 12, A. M. Moye, W. G. Stanley, Richard Williford, and John Morris, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 15, James T. Ells, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

GEORGIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 21, Francis Collins, conduct unbecoming; 25, J. W. Purcell, intemperance; 37, J. D. Austin and D. Askew, intemperance; 41, G. B. Guvin, intemperance; 42, W. Dickey, intemperance; 45, A. V. McCardel, James H. Bush, and Joseph B. Bostwick, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, George A. Ash, drunkenness; 2, J. P. Shirn, attempting to defraud the Lodge; 15, J. G. Wilson, conduct unbecoming; 16, D. S. McCoy, conduct unbecoming; 19, Sylvanus S. Bryan, drunkennesss; 25, James C. Davis, attempted fraud; Thomas T. Swilling and John Withian, unbecoming conduct; 30, S. W. Bateman, W. Bateman, W. Taylor, Russel Aultman, drunkenness; Thomas D. Pittman, difficulty with a brother; 35, P. High, drunkenness: John R. Dunnigan, unbecoming conduct; Basil Hamard and J. G. Hamard, unbecoming conduct; 32, W. S. Wagn, general bad conduct; 41, J. E. Cooper, swindling; M. B. Ephraim, absconding; 42, W. H. H. Bigham, J. S. Shell, conduct unbecoming; W. Dickey, drunkenness.

NORTH CAROLINA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge, John E. Bayne, F. Odenheimer, Wm. R. Musgrave, Joseph L. Cummings, Wm. Penett, H. D. K. Cambaniss, W. H. Watson, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows.

MICHIGAN.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 41, Wm. Church, conduct unbecoming; 59, G. M. Boardman, contempt; 61, Morris W. Keys, conduct unbecoming; 66, John M. Can, drunkenness.

WISCONSIN.

*Suspended.*—By Lodge No. 63, George Peirce, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 12, Jackson Russell, conduct unbecoming and appropriating funds of the Lodge to his own use; Christopher Aureten, conduct unbecoming; 15, E. Mood Carnes, dishonesty; —— Jones, drunkenness; 16, William Floyd, drunkenness; A. Miller, conduct unbecoming; 17, E. L. Varney, defaulter as county Treasurer; L. S. Hill, defaulter as Treasurer of the Lodge; 27, William Hebard, contempt of committee; 32, H. K. Reynolds, conduct unbecoming; 34, Truman Parker, obtaining money of brothers under false pretences; 37, C. Parker, conduct unbecoming; 57, E. W. Wuttis, conduct unbecoming; 61, John Wann, conduct unbecoming.

VERMONT.

*Suspended.*—By Lodge No. 26, Alou Smith, drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 15, Oliver R. Wilkinson, fraud; 26, P. S. Fuller, intemperance; C. C. Nichols, contempt.

IOWA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 6, William. S. Street, for withholding money belonging to the Sons of Temperance; 26, J. B. Dunlap, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, V. M. Pendleton, conduct unbecoming; 2, George Rawe, defaming a brother; 7, Warner L. Clark, contempt; 12, L. L. Wood, conduct unbecoming; 13, John Cope, theft; 15, W. P. Johnson, drunkenness; 19, Thomas Fleming, contempt;

23, S. S. Phelps, contempt; 26, Jones H. Crook, drunkenness; W. R. Miller, drunkenness, &c.; 40, S. G. Maton, conduct unbecoming and contempt; 46, F. H. Williams, contempt.

FLORIDA.

*Expelled.*—By Lodge No. 1, Edward Ellis, conduct unbecoming.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 23, W. D. Meeker, P. G., dishonesty, 25, George Blake, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; J. H. Dawson, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; H. Dickinson, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 133, James M. Angell, intemperance; 226, Wm. J. Wier, for three years, drawing money for a sick brother and appropriating it to his own use; 279, James Wrigley, slander; 382, Luther Berry, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 387, John Ryan, drunkenness; 423, H. May, drunkenness; 433, A. E. Disbrough, for three months, keeping disorderly house and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 438, T. S. Davis, misconduct; 441, R. Blakesley, contempt; 463, Daniel S. Haskell, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 14, Augustus Hartson, P. G., contempt; 16, Mara A. Bornstein, contempt; 17, Henry L. Sears, violating by-laws; 32, Theodore Denoming, contempt; 39, Robert Noble, drunkenness; J. W. Burns, drunkenness; 44, William C. Carson, contempt; 47, Charles H. Jenner, counterfeiting; Geo. Lynde, contempt; 49, A. S. Ross, contempt; 53, S. P. Herrington, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 63, Joel Carrington, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 70, T. R. Hingate, contempt; 110, Eli Smith, contempt; 112, Augustus B. Day, contempt; 113, Orrin Fletcher, abuse of the Lodge; 130, J. D. Buckwith, contempt; 134, William Connell, contempt; 136, Charles Bliss, abusing the benevolence of the Order; 150, John F. Mead, contempt; 155, John Forbes, intemperance; 168, Nathan Whaley, intemperance; 169, T. W. Tinklepaugh, P. G., contempt; 171, George Kellogg, altering notes of the bank; Darius Douglass, confirmed drunkenness; Ackley H. Witmore, forgery; Benjamin Mitchell, contempt; T. B. Austin, contempt; 173, F. C. Gun, drunkenness and fraud; 186, Amariah Lincoln, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 188, A. H. Hall, contempt; 197, C. H. Adams, contempt; 199, M. D. Willoughby, bad conduct; 212, Thomas Clapp, contumacy; 232, Wakefield Jones, drunkenness; 246, Edwin Prosser, contempt; 251, E. Whaling, misconduct; 253, D. W. G. Nash, habitual drunkenness; Norman Randall, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 259, John W. Van Alstine, contempt; 284, G. W. Taylor, conduct highly unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 288, James M. Collins, contempt; 296, Wesley Martin, contempt; 301, John Stevenson, contempt; 306, John Green, P. G., contempt; Samuel Flyams, defrauding Lodge; 316, John S. King, contempt; 318, J. P. Roberts, disorderly conduct; 319, Silas P. Clark, repeated intoxication and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; William C. Paice, repeated intoxication and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 329, Amos A. Witter, contempt; 335, Stephen W. Lobdell, violation

of Constitution; H. D. Keeler, contempt; 345, George B. Baker, contempt; 349, J. D. Huff, gambling; 361, Byron Lewis, contempt; 367, C. W. Alger, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 369, Griswold Yerman, contempt; 375, Charles Hammond, selling intoxicating liquor to Indian; 378, George W. Gregory, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 380, Balthazer Schlircher, dishonesty; 399, Justus Wright, contempt; 409, Albert Lance, contempt; 410, J. D. Landon, contempt; 411, William Ross, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; James Ross, drunkenness; Michael Ward, drunkenness; 417, Joseph Watkins, drunkenness; 427, Samuel Kelly, contempt; 431, Cornelius Schermerhorn, contempt; 336, John Tippin, contempt; 443, James E. Thomson, intemperance, licentiousness and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 461, Edward Marvin, contempt; 462, Henry Shaw, contempt; 465, Milton Seamans, improper conduct; B. J. Jones, immoral conduct; 466, Madison Head, contempt.

MINNESOTA.

*Expelled.*—By Lodge No. 3, O. L. French, conduct unbecoming.

CALIFORNIA.

*Expelled.*—By Lodge No. 15, S. Z. Burt, swindling the Lodge.

# GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

MARYLAND.

*Suspension.*—By Encampment No. 2, H. Spamer, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

SOUTHERN NEW YORK.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 7, James Malwarser, embezzlement of funds; 8, William Schwartz, contempt; 14, Thomas M. Taylor, expelled by his Lodge.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 1, R. Scrivner, John Norton, suspended by Lodge; 5, Joseph Stephens, suspended by Lodge; 8, John J. Webber, suspended by Lodge; 16, F. C. Adams, not a member of Subordinate Lodge; 22, W. D. Macker, suspended by Lodge; 32, H. Monk, Ezra Bond, jr., Oliver Ehle, P. S. Arnett, suspended by Lodge; 33, T. F. Minier, suspended by Lodge; 47, M. Ballard, F. J. Fithian, suspended by Lodge; 60, Wm. North, suspended by Lodge; 66, George S. Potter, suspended by Lodge.

PENNSYLVANIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 42, S. E. Goodwin, for intemperance; 53, Charles S. Carpenter, for improper conduct; 67, C. F. F. Salmon, improper conduct.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 13, David Rowe, for attempting to extort money from the Encampment.

OHIO.

*Suspension.*—By Encampment No. 22, H. H. Smith, intoxication.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 9, J. H. Hardy, drunkenness; 11, Samuel Price, contempt; Hicks Allen, drunkenness; 20, D. B. Tiffany, expelled from Subordinate Lodge; 26, Wm. Raffell, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

LOUISIANA.

*Suspension.*—By Encampment No. 5, W. L. Cushing, suspended by his Lodge, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 9, Barnard McGann, for embezzling and absconding.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Suspended.*—By Encampment No. 1, W. H. Walker, for conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 1, Wm. Truman, expelled by his Lodge.

INDIANA.

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 1, Jacob Straw, adultery; 2, W. Kirchner, assault and battery; 14, J. D. D. Woodburn, two years for habitual intoxication; 17, James Oakey, conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 2, Stephen C. Clymer, defrauding Lodge, &c.; 8, Barnard Becker, drunkenness, &c.; 17, S. W. Williams, adultery; 21, James Davis, conduct unbecoming; 23, Jesse Wasson, for abandoning his family and defrauding creditors; 34, John H. George, for defrauding brothers.

NEW JERSEY.

*Expulsion.*—One; name and cause not given.

KENTUCKY.

*Expulsion.*—One; name and cause not given.

VIRGINIA.

*Expulsions.*—Twenty-one; names and cause not given.

MISSISSIPPI.

*Suspension.*—By Encampment No. 10, John Brumfield, intoxication.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 2, E. Grammar, by Subordinate Lodge.

MISSOURI.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 9, one; name not given.

ILLINOIS.

*Expulsion.*—One; name and cause not given.

The following interesting report from the D. D. Grand Sire for Oregon, received since the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, is furnished for the information of the brotherhood:

SALEM, OREGON TERRITORY,
*July* 30, 1854.

*To* JAS. L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *G. Sec'ry of the G. Lodge, I. O. O. F.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Herewith I submit my annual report of the work, condition and prospects of the Order in Oregon. It has been delayed in order to include therein a report of the institution of No. 4.

On the 23rd of December, 1853, I instituted at Oregon City, *Oregon Lodge, No.* 3, and duly installed the officers thereof, as will appear by their first annual report herewith accompanying.

On the 26th of July, 1854, I instituted at Albany, *Albany Lodge, No.* 4, and installed the following officers: Bros. T. J. Crawford, N. G.; A. J. Ripperton, V. G.; John Lines, Secretary; L. Fleischner, Treasurer. All the brothers named in the charter for No. 4 were present, and the new Lodge has set out under favorable auspices.

The four Lodges now organized in this Territory are established upon a harmonious and firm basis; and although the number of their respective members are at the present time small, they will steadily increase and advance with the growth and prosperity of the towns in which they are located.

Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, during the past year has evinced her devotion to the principles and design of our Order in the purchase of a site for a Rural Cemetery, which at this time is undergoing the necessary stage of clearing and embellishing, to be shortly disposed of in lots. Her treasury is ample, and her members all devoted to the cultivation of a true fraternal relation.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, has passed the trial season of her first year, and on the 19th of July, 1854, held a public celebration, which has done much honor both to the Lodge and the Order, and would compare favorably with any celebrations held in the more populous districts of the States.

Oregon Lodge, No. 3, during the time that she has been organized, has worked admirably, and is a comment to her membership. I may say that she numbers already in her roll three clergymen of the best standing in the Territory.

Albany Lodge, No. 4, has just started in her mission, but from the character of the men who have the control of the Lodge, honor and success may be certainly predicted for the future.

The work in this jurisdiction I believe to be very correct and uniform.

Very respectfully and faternally,

E. M. BARNUM,
*D. D. Grand Sire of Oregon.*

# OFFICERS OF THE R. W. G. L. OF THE U. S., I. O. O. F.

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| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. Grand Messenger, | Baltimore, Md. |

## REPRESENTATIVES.*

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| P. G. M. Askew, H. F. - - - - - | Wilmington, Del. |
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| P. G. P. *Cheney, Charles C.* - - - - - | Emerald Grove, Wis. |

* Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.

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P. G. M. Robinson, E. C. - - - - Norfolk, Va.

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| P. G. *Smiley, Thomas T.* | Nashville, Tenn. |
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| P. G. *Smith, P. C.* | Montgomery, Ala. |
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| P. G. M. Veitch, Isaac M. | St. Louis, Mo. |
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| P. G. Wilstack, C. F. | Cincinnati, Ohio. |
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| P. G. Woodruff, M. | Columbus, Ga. |
| P. G. P. Woodward, E. K. | St. Louis, Mo. |
| P. G. Young, James | Baltimore, Md. |

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## OFFICERS ELECT OF THE R. W. G. L. U. S.

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| P. G. M. William Ellison, of Boston, Mass., | M. W. G. Sire. |
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| P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Baltimore, Md., | R. W. G. C. & R. S. |
| P. G. Joshua Vansant, of Baltimore, Md., | R. W. G. Treasurer. |

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## D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1855.

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| Vermont—James Mitchell, | Burlington. |
| Florida—M. D. Papy, | Tallahassee. |
| Arkansas—James A. Henry, | Little Rock. |
| California—Matthew Purdin, | Sacramento. |
| Oregon—E. M. Barnum, | Salem. |
| New Mexico—Charles L. Spencer, | Santa Fe. |
| Canada West—Thomas Reynolds, | Brockville. |
| Canada East—James MacLaren, | Quebec. |
| Lower Provinces—E. G. Fuller, | Halifax. |
| Sandwich Islands—R. A. S. Wood, | Honolulu. |

## PAST GRAND SIRES.

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| P. G. Sire | Thomas Wildey, | Baltimore, Md. |
| " " | Samuel H. Perkins, | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| " " | Zenas B. Glazier, | Wilmington, Del. |
| " " | John A. Kennedy, | New York, N. Y. |
| " " | Howell Hopkins, | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| " " | Thomas Sherlock, | Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| " " | Horn R. Kneass, | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| " " | Robert H. Griffin, | Savannah, Ga. |
| " " | William W. Moore, | Washington, D. C. |

REVISED

# CONSTITUTION.

THIS Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows was adopted at the Annual Session of that R. W. Grand Body, held at the city of Baltimore, on the 4th day of September, A. D., 1854, and year of the Order in North America the 36th.

## ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

SEC. 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole Brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of the Order. Its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries.

SEC. 3. By virtue of charters granted by it, all State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments exist, and with it rests the power, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, to deprive such State, District, or Territorial Grand Bodies of their charters and to annul their authority; *provided* that such deprivation or annulment shall only be made for violation of the laws of this Grand Lodge. No more than one Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be chartered in any State, District, or Territory, except in the State of New York, where by law there are now chartered two Grand Lodges and two Grand Encampments. All Grand Bodies working under charters granted by this Grand Lodge are supreme for all local legislation and appellate jurisdiction within their respective limits, except as is hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District, or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof. But in all

cases the decision of the State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom.

SEC. 5. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. To this Grand Lodge is reserved the power to establish the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in such countries, domestic or foreign, wherein the same has not yet been established.

SEC. 7. To this Grand Lodge belongs the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in such countries, domestic and foreign, as are without Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments.

SEC. 8. To it belongs the power to enact all laws of general application to the Order.

SEC. 9. All power and authority in the Order not reserved to this Grand Lodge by this Constitution is hereby vested in the various State, District and Territorial Grand Bodies.

## ARTICLE II.

This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: a Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot by a majority of all the votes cast, biennially, at the stated communication of this Grand Lodge in September; and shall be installed into their respective offices on the first day of the stated communication next ensuing their election.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, Right Worthy Grand Marshal, Right Worthy Grand Guardian and Right Worthy Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and if approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers.

SEC. 3. Should any of the elective officers fail to appear to be installed at the time provided, the particular office or offices shall be de-

clared vacant, and the Grand Lodge shall in that event proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, and the officer or officers so elected shall be accordingly installed.

SEC. 4. All the officers, both elective and appointed, shall attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required by the presiding officer; and shall receive such compensation as is hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. No officer, who is not a Representative, shall be permitted to vote, except the Grand Sire in case of an equal division; nor shall any officer, who is not also a Representative, be allowed to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Grand Lodge, except by a vote of the majority thereof.

## ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order, and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided, other than upon a ballot for officers, but shall not vote upon any other occasion. He shall appoint all committees not required to be raised by ballot, and appoint all District Deputy Grand Sires. During the recess of this Grand Lodge he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order. He may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He may hear and decide such questions, other than questions arising out of the Constitutions of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, or by the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. And his decisions upon all appeals and questions so submitted to him shall be binding upon the bodies or persons submitting the same until reversed by this Grand Lodge. He is empowered to receive petitions and grant warrants for the opening of new Lodges and Encampments, Grand or Subordinate, in places where Grand Bodies established by this Grand Lodge may not exist, and all warrants so granted by him shall be of force until recalled by this Grand Lodge. At every communication of this Grand Lodge he shall make a report in writing of all his official acts and decisions during the recess.

SEC. 2. During his term of service he shall not hold any office in any State, District, or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

SEC. 3. In case of the removal of the Grand Sire from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term; and in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability both of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Junior Past Grand Sire, and the Grand

Lodge shall, at the first communication succeeding thereto, proceed to elect and install a Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V.

The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence. In case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability of the Grand Sire, the powers and duties of the said office shall devolve on the Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term, as provided in section three of article four.

ARTICLE VI.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work and such alterations as may from time to time be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports, and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall keep the moneys, and all the evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, &c. of the Grand Lodge, and pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at its stated communication in September, annually, a full and correct statement of his accounts. Before his installation he shall give a bond, with at least two sureties, to the Grand Lodge in such sum as may from time to time be fixed, and shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

Sec. 2. No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. The Grand Chaplain shall perform such duties as appertain to his office, and as may from time to time be required by the Grand Lodge relative thereto.

SEC. 2. The Grand Marshal shall assist the Grand Sire in performing his duties in such manner as may from time to time be required, and perform all the duties generally appertaining to such office.

SEC. 3. The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before admitting him, and allow none to depart without the usual formality.

SEC. 4. The Grand Messenger shall perform such duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time require for the convenience and comfort of the members, and for his services he shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

## ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated annually, by rotation. And if vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives. And no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over two Grand Representatives.

SEC. 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree, be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing; and he must reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located. No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time.

SEC. 4. Grand Representatives shall be furnished by the Grand Bodies which they represent with such certificates as shall be required by law.

SEC. 5. In case of contested elections, this Grand Lodge shall determine to whom the contested seat belongs.

## ARTICLE X.

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives.

## ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge shall have the power, a majority consenting thereto, to impeach and try any of its officers or members, and,

with the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes cast, to expel from office or membership therein any officer or member so impeached and convicted; *provided* that a copy of the charges preferred shall have been furnished to the accused at least three days before trial.

SEC. 2. During the trial of any impeachment, the officer or member under impeachment shall be debarred the exercise of his office or the privilege of his membership, but may be heard in his own defence.

SEC. 3. Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to which an officer or member of this Grand Lodge belongs shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from office or membership in this Grand Lodge, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

## ARTICLE XII.

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months, notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

## ARTICLE XIII.

SEC. 1. Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and act upon the credentials of new members, except in contested elections.

SEC. 2. This Grand Lodge shall be the judge of the certificates or returns and qualifications of its members.

SEC. 3. It may determine the rules of its proceedings, and from time to time adopt such rules of order as it may see fit.

SEC. 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept and published annually, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

SEC. 5. Voting for officers shall be by ballot. All other voting shall be *viva voce*, or by yeas and nays, as the Grand Lodge may determine. The yeas and nays may be demanded by one-fifth of the Representatives present, and shall be entered upon the journal.

SEC. 6. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote, except in such cases as a specific majority is required.

## ARTICLE XIV.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz:

1. Fees for charters of Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.

2. Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, ten per cent. on their receipts.

4. Proceeds of the sales of books, cards, diplomas, odes and certificates.

## ARTICLE XV.

SEC. 1. To be an officer of this Grand Lodge, one nominated must have received the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees, and be a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in good standing.

SEC. 2. The nomination and election of officers shall take place on the same day, to wit: the second day of the communication at which officers are to be elected. The nominations for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election for the same, and before the nominations and election for the next office.

## ARTICLE XVI.

SEC. 1. The members of the Order from each State, District or Territory under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to admission into the Lodges or Encampments of every other State, District, or Territory, upon proving themselves according to the established work of the Order and the production of a proper card.

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

SEC. 3. No citizen of one State, District, or Territory wherein Lodges or Encampments are established shall be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment of another State, District, or Territory, without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, of the State, District, or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident.

SEC. 4. A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any State, District, or Territory shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another State, District, or Territory, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled.

## ARTICLE XVII.

The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) shall receive a compensation for their services, to be fixed by law, and paid out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

With the previous consent and approval, from time to time expressed,

of this Grand Lodge, the Most Worthy Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Grand Lodge as a special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any sovereign jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship recognised by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expenses of such special Grand Representative's visit shall be defrayed from the Treasury of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such foreign Grand Lodge, who may be duly accredited from the same as a special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, and shall have a deliberate voice but not a vote in the proceedings thereof.

## ARTICLE XIX.

By-Laws in conformity with this Constitution may be made, which shall not be altered or amended unless such amendment be proposed at a stated annual communication and acted upon at the same session, but not on the day on which it is offered, and adopted by two-thirds of the votes given.

## ARTICLE XX.

This Constitution, and the By-Laws which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the Order, and be binding upon the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE XXI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular annual communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal and lie over until the next regular annual communication. At the next regular annual communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this Constitution.

# BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.

Upon the petition of five brothers of the Order, in good standing, praying for a charter to institute a Subordinate Lodge in a State, District, or Territory where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. Each Subordinate Lodge receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be instituted by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputed therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such Lodge the warrant and charge books, and shall, at the institution thereof, give all necessary instruction. Such Lodge shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand deputized by him for that purpose, or by a District Deputy Grand Sire.

## ARTICLE II.

Upon the petition of seven qualified members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a warrant to institute an Encampment in a State, District, or Territory where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Grand Lodge may grant the same. Every Encampment receiving a warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be instituted by the Grand Sire, or a qualified Patriarch, who shall deliver to such Encampment the warrant and charge books, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or by some Patriarch deputized by him for that purpose, or by the District Deputy Grand Sire.

## ARTICLE III.

Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, semi-annually, reports containing the same information as is required from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments by Article X of these Laws. The report shall be accompanied by the dues, in current money.

## ARTICLE IV.

Three or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, located in any State, District, or Territory where a Grand Lodge or Grand Encamp-

ment has not been established, having seven Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing, may petition the Grand Lodge of the United States, in writing, praying for the charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in such State, District, or Territory; which, if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted; and such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be instituted by the Grand Sire, or some qualified brother or patriarch whom he shall deputize for that purpose.

## ARTICLE V.

All applications for charters for Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments must be by a vote of a majority of the Lodges or Encampments within the State, District, or Territory, as follows: When three or more Lodges or Encampments shall agree in the opinion that a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment will contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges or Encampments in the State, District, or Territory, inviting them to meet for consultation at some convenient time and place. Each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, or Past High Priests, as Representatives, to meet in Convention and consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the location of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent at least three Lodges or Encampments.) Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or refuse to send a Representative, or should the Representative, from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble, provided a sufficient number be present to comply with the preceding requirements. Each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its Representative a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these Representatives the votes shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in the following form, to wit:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States*
*of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows:*

The petition of ——— Lodge, (or Encampment,) No. 1, ——— No. 2, ——— No. 3, of ———, respectfully represents that at present they work under warrants granted by your R. W. Body; that at present they have ——— Past Grands (or Past Chief Patriarchs) in good standing. They are of opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the ———. They therefore pray your R. W. Body to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the ———, to be located at ———.

Witness our hands and seals this —— day of ——, 18—.

A. B., *Representative of No.* 1.
C. D., *Representative of No.* 2.
E. F., *Representative of No.* 3.

## ARTICLE VI.

All travelling and other expenses of the Grand Sire, or of the Past Grand or Patriarch deputed by him to institute a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.

ARTICLE VII.

Applications for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments must be accompanied by the fee for the same, which shall be returned if the charter is not granted.

ARTICLE VIII.

Each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall have a Grand Seal, an impression whereof in wax shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE IX.

The Constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge or Encampment chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval.

ARTICLE X.

Annual returns shall be made by each State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give the names of Grand Officers, and the aggregate number of members in good standing in all Subordinate Lodges, and the aggregate number of initiations, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for education of orphans, the whole amount of receipts, amount of money in the treasury, amount of the widow and orphan funds, and the amount of investments; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this body is held.

ARTICLE XI.

No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall be in arrears for moneys due to this Grand Lodge shall be allowed to vote by its Representative or Representatives.

ARTICLE XII.

No person shall at the same time hold membership in more than one Grand and Subordinate Lodge and one Grand and Subordinate Encampment; nor shall any Lodge or Encampment confer degrees upon any member of another Lodge or Encampment without the consent of the Lodge or Encampment to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

ARTICLE XIII.

When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have been duly chartered in any State, District, or Territory, all the Lodges and Encampments in said State, District, or Territory working under the ju-

risdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall thereafter be declared subordinate to, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the State, District, or Territory in which they are located; and no Lodge or Encampment situated in one State, District or Territory can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of another State, District, or Territory.

## ARTICLE XIV.

No brother can be admitted to visit or deposit his card in a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District, or Territory where he resides, unless he present a card as furnished under the signature of the proper officers and seal of the Lodge or Encampment of which he is a member, and signed on the margin in his own proper hand-writing, and prove himself in the T. P. W. and in the degree in which the Lodge is open; provided, nevertheless, a brother may always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.

## ARTICLE XV.

At each annual session the Grand Sire shall appoint in each State, District, and Territory in which there is not a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment, an officer to be styled "District Deputy Grand Sire," whose duty it shall be to act as the special agent of this Grand Lodge in relation to the matters herein specified, namely:

1. To act for the Grand Sire, and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the particular district for which the D. D. Grand Sire may be appointed.

2. To act as the Representative of this Grand Lodge, and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his district as the Grand Sire shall direct.

3. To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire in relation to any thing which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

4. To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary, and to obey the special directions of that officer.

5. To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments (in his district) which work under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

6. To make semi-annual reports of his acts and doings to the Grand Sire.

7. District Deputy Grand Sires shall in no case interfere, as officers of this Grand Lodge, with the State Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments.

8. To qualify a brother for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Sire he must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of Past Grand and of the Royal Purple degree; and, in States where Grand Encamp-

ments may be established, he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment. The appointment of District Deputy Grand Sires shall be made at each annual session, to continue for one year, but they may be removed for cause by the Grand Sire during recess.

ARTICLE XVI.

The Representative or Representatives of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be examined by the Deputy Grand Sire as to their qualifications for the office, previous to taking seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States; and on taking their seats, each shall be furnished by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order, and Laws of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XVII.

Each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall furnish its Representative or Representatives with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, for its own use; and an equal number to be distributed amongst its Subordinates. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Lodge and Encampment working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIX.

All dues and moneys for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE XX.

All State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall enforce upon their Subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdictions. They shall neither adopt nor use, or suffer to be adopted or used in their jurisdictions, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation, or regalia than those prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE XXI.

All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction may at all times open and close their meetings with prayer.

## ARTICLE XXII.

The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit:—Aprons and collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons—either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet, trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand Officers and Past Grands of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and for Patriarchs who have attained the Royal Purple degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.

The ragalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet; the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States to wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Representatives and Past Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge Degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view of increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair—the said degree having been designed as a reward for faithful service in the Subordinate Lodges.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

Past Officers of every description, and members in possession of the

Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken.

ARTICLE XXV.

The T. P. W. is designed only for the use of brethren who are traveling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong; and, in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions be properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge and the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden of an Encampment are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to give or receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State and their regular Deputies should also be in possession of it.

ARTICLE XXVI.

The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of July and terminate on the thirtieth of June.

ARTICLE XXVII.

The Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which fail to make their returns for one year, shall forfeit their charters, and whenever such remissness occurs the Grand Sire shall take proper measures to enforce the law.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

Four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined and decided upon. A standing committee shall be appointed at the commencement of every session, in the same manner as other standing committees, whose duty it shall be to open and decide upon such proposals as may have been made to do any of the printing of this Body, and report their decision

and the terms of their contract to the Grand Lodge, for its approval and confirmation.

ARTICLE XXIX.

The Grand Lodge of the United States will neither entertain nor consider any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the Body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE XXX.

All former laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of these general laws are hereby repealed.

# RULES OF ORDER.

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavil there shall be a general silence.

2. At the appointed hour the Grand Sire shall organize the meeting, by directing the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to call the names of the officers of this Grand Lodge. After which the Secretary shall make report of the number of Grand Bodies from which Representatives are present; when, if a quorum be present, the Grand Sire shall call on the Grand Chaplain to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer. The Deputy Grand Sire shall then examine the Representatives present, and report to the Grand Sire, and, if correct, the Grand Sire shall direct the members to clothe themselves with their regalia and take their seats, after which the Deputy Grand Sire, at the request of the Grand Sire, shall proclaim the Lodge duly opened.

3. The business shall be taken up in the following order:—The Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.

4. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary will report on the certificates of Representatives, which shall be referred to a committee.

5. The minutes of the last annual and intervening meetings shall be read and passed upon.

6. The report of the Grand Sire as to his acts and doings during the recess of this Grand Lodge shall be presented.

7. The annual reports of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be presented.

8. The officers elect shall be installed into their respective offices.

9. The Grand Sire shall then appoint the following committees, each to consist of three members, viz: Committee on the State of the Order; Legislative Committee; Committee on Correspondence; Committee on Finance; Committee on Appeals; Committee on Constitutions; Committee on Petitions; Committee on Returns; Committee on Printing; Committee on Mileage and Per Diem; Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.

10. Petitions shall be presented, read, and referred.

11. Other communications shall be presented and read.

12. The above order of business may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Lodge; when the business is concluded, the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Grand Lodge duly closed.

13. No motion shall be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated by the Chair.—It shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

14. When a question is before the Lodge no motion shall be received—unless it be to adjourn, to lie on the table, the previous question, to refer, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend; and the motions just enumerated shall take precedence in the order of enumeration. The first three shall be decided without debate.

15. On a call of Representatives of three States, Districts, or Territories, a majority of the Lodge may demand that the previous question shall be put, which shall always be in this form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*" and, until it is decided, no further debate shall take place, and the vote shall be taken, first, on any amendments that may be pending, and next, on the final question.

16. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the Lodge, without debate.

17. Before putting a question the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Lodge are ready for the question, he shall rise and put it. While the presiding officer is putting a question, or addressing the Lodge, none shall walk out of or across the room, nor entertain private discourse; and after he shall have risen to put it no member shall speak upon it.

18. The presiding officer, or any member doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Lodge, but a division cannot be called for after the Chair has announced the result of a vote.

19. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote unless clothed in regalia according to his rank and station, and occupying his seat at the place designated for him.

20. During the progress of a ballot for an officer no motion can be entertained, or debate or explanation permitted.

21. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

22. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer; and while speaking he shall confine himself to the question in debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as all reflections upon the Lodge or any of its members.

23. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor. And no member shall interrupt or disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

24. If a member while speaking shall be called to order, he shall at

the request of the Chair take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

25. The decisions of the Chair on points of order may be appealed from by any member, and in such cases the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"

26. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

27. When a petition, memorial, or communication is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair; and, after it has been read, a brief notice of its purport shall be entered upon the journal.

28. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

29. Any member may call for the division of a question when the sense will admit.

30. Any member who voted with the majority may call for a reconsideration of a vote at the same session at which it was passed; and, if sustained by a majority of all the votes, the reconsideration shall be carried.

31. No matter shall be considered at any morning session of the Grand Lodge until all the committees shall have had an opportunity of presenting reports; and the Grand Sire shall call for the reports of committees in the order of their appointment.

32. A committee appointed at one session to perform a duty are bound to report, although some of the members of the committee have ceased to be members of this body.

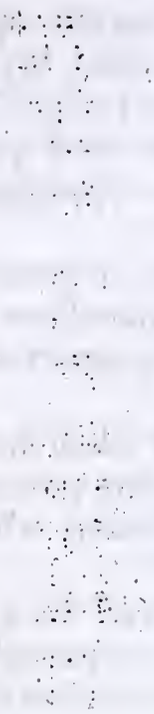
33. Any member has a right to protest, and to have his protest spread upon the journal.

34. Every member is bound to vote, serve on committees, and accept nominations, unless excused by vote.

35. No member shall be allowed to cast his vote after a ballot has been announced by the Chair unless by unanimous consent.

36. The report of no committee shall be acted upon on the day of its presentation, except reports from the Committee on Credentials; provided that subjects improperly referred may, without a suspension of this rule, be referred to the appropriate committee.

37. No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time; that is, an amendment, and an amendment to an amendment, and the question shall be first taken on the latter.



Wm Ellison
Grand Sire

# INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of the United States,

*Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1855.*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1855—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

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| WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, - | M. W. Grand Sire. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - | R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary. |
| JOSHUA VANSANT, - - | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| JUNIUS M. WILLEY, - - | R. W. Grand Chaplain. |
| SOLOMON H. LEWYT, - - | W. Grand Guardian. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - | W. Grand Messenger. |

And Representatives from twenty Grand Lodges and nine Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. M. James C. Ninde, | Maryland. |
| P. G. M. Wm. A. Bell, | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. M. Andre Froment, | Southern New York. |
| P. G. W. H Lamberton, | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. L. A. Gobright, | District of Columbia. |
| G. M. Henry Eckel, | Delaware. |
| P. G. M. Samuel Craighead, | Ohio. |
| P. G. Isaac W. Mickle, | New Jersey. |
| P. G. Milton J. Durham, | Kentucky. |
| P. G. M. E. H. Fitzhugh, | Virginia. |
| P. G. M. Daniel Woolsey, | Indiana. |
| P. G. J. K. Connelly, | Mississippi. |
| P. G. H. S. Austin, | Illinois. |
| P. G. E. P. Hunt | Texas. |
| P. G. M. P. C. Smith, | Alabama. |
| P. G. M. F. M. Brown, | Connecticut. |
| P. G. R. B. Boylston, | South Carolina. |
| P. G. M. W. L. Steele, | North Carolina. |
| P. G. J. M. Wheeler, | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. M. C. A. Tufts, | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. W. P. Russel, | Vermont. |
| P. G. M. A. Mathews, | Iowa. |
| P. G. R. M. Johnson, | Arkansas. |
| P. G. J. L. Lewis, Jr. | New York. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. P. William Bayley, | Maryland. |
| P. G. M. J. W. Pruett, | Kentucky. |
| P. G. P. E. H. Barry, | Indiana. |
| P. G. P. P. L. Cunningham, | Connecticut. |
| P. G. S. John A. Gyles, | South Carolina. |
| P. G. E. C. Granniss, | Georgia. |
| P. G. M. N. F. Deering, | Maine. |
| P. G. P. Charles C. Cheney, | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. Edward Whalin, | Northern New York. |

The M. W. Grand Sire informed the Lodge that the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Marshal were absent, and with the sanction of the Lodge he appointed P. G. M. Newell A. Thompson, of Massachusetts, as Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.*, and P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, as Grand Marshal *pro tem.*

The Grand Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by the order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. Bell, of Massachusetts, Mathews, of Iowa, and Pruett, of Kentucky.

The credentials of new members were presented and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective States and Jurisdictions during the session, after the manner adopted and pursued at the last session.

The Chair named Reps. Barry, of Indiana, Whalin, of Northern New York, and Hodgson, of District of Columbia, as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, and the members were seated in conformity thereto:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred the drawing of seats to be occupied by the respective States and Jurisdictions during the session, beg leave to report that the States and Jurisdictions drew the seats numbered as below.

Your committee finding a representation from Nova Scotia and Canada West, and feeling assured of their cordial reception, have anticipated the formal action of this Grand Body in their admission, and have accorded to them the same privilege with other jurisdictions in the distribution of seats.

Vermont, .....1, 2
Georgia,.....3, 4, 5
Michigan,.....6, 7, 8
California,.....9, 10, 11
Arkansas,.....12
Pennsylvania,.....13, 14, 15, 16
Indiana,.....17, 18, 19, 20
Tennessee,..... ....21, 22, 23
Maine,.....24, 25, 26
Florida,..... 27
Kentucky,.....28, 29, 30
Nova Scotia,.....31
District of Columbia,.....32, 33, 34
Ohio,..... 35, 36, 37, 38
Minnesota,.....39
Iowa,.....40, 41, 42
New Jersey,.....43, 44, 45
Southern New York,....46, 47, 48
Maryland,.....49, 50, 51, 52
Northern New York, 53, 54, 55, 56
New Hampshire,.....57, 58, 59
Rhode Island,.....60, 61, 62
Alabama,.....63, 64, 65
Louisiana,.....66, 67, 68
Wisconsin,.....69, 70, 71
Mississippi,.....72, 73, 74
Missouri,..... .75, 76, 77
Massachusetts,.....78, 79, 80, 81
Texas,.....82, 83, 84
Illinois,.....85, 86, 87
Delaware,.....88, 89, 90
Canada West,.....91
Virginia,.....92, 93, 94, 95
North Carolina,.....96, 97, 98
Connecticut,.....99, 100, 101
South Carolina,.....102, 103, 104

E. H. BARRY,
EDWARD WHALIN,
JNO. W. HODGSON.

Rep Bell, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted, and the members named therein were admitted to their seats:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives in proper form and according to law, that they are entitled to seats on this floor, to wit:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. Geo. J. N. Monell, | California. |
| P. G. Geo. H. Van Cleft, (vice A. J. Lucas, resigned,) | California. |
| P. G. Chas. Wolford, | Kentucky. |
| P. G. M. Milton Herndon, | Indiana. |
| P. G. M. John W. Hodgson, | District of Columbia. |
| P. G. M. C. A. Stacy, | Michigan. |
| P. G. M. Saml. H. Griffin, (elected for one year) | Michigan. |
| P. G. M. Wm. Thayer, | South Carolina. |
| P. G. W. S. Munday, (vice T. T. Smiley, resigned,) | Tennessee. |
| P. G. M. Wm. A. Strong, | Mississippi. |
| P. G. M. Geo. C. Williams, | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. Geo. W. Race, | Louisiana. |
| P. G. Wm. Rounsville, | Illinois. |
| P. G. David H. Wright, | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. M. David B. Booth, | Connecticut. |
| P. G. F. J. Barnard, | Alabama. |
| P. G. Asa B. Clarke, | Florida. |
| P. G. M. Wm. M. Carper, | Texas. |
| P. G. F. A. Ellis, | Maryland. |
| P. G. Harrison H. Dodd, | Ohio. |
| P. G. M. John G. Clayton, | Southern New York. |
| P. G. M. Jacob H. Robinson, | Virginia. |
| P. G. Isaac M. Tucker, | New Jersey. |
| P. G. Caleb Rodney Layton, | Delaware. |
| P. G. Wm. English, | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. M. S. B. Straw, | Maine. |
| P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore, | Northern New York. |
| P. G. James Carr, | Missouri. |
| P. G. Luther J. Glenn, | Georgia. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. W. Huntington Smith, | Michigan. |
| P. G. P. Paxson Coats, | Ohio |
| P. C. P. H. N. Clark, (to fill unexpired term,) | Ohio. |
| P. G. P. Richard Marley, | Maryland. |
| P. C. P. Chas. R. Hansford, | Alabama. |
| P. C. P. Henry G. Stetson, (vice J. G. Dunlap, resigned,) | Louisiana. |
| P. G. A. W. Bruce, | Northern New York. |
| P. G. M. Thos. Rich, | District of Columbia. |

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| P. C. P. John W. Dwinelle, - - - | California. |
| P. G. P. John N. Washington, - - | North Carolina. |
| P. G. A. S. Barry, - - - - | Illinois. |
| P. G. H. P. N. A. Thompson, (vice R. C. Brown, resigned,) - - - - | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. R. H. L. Webster, - - - | Rhode Island. |
| P. C. P. A. M. Foute, - - - - | Mississippi. |
| P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy, - - - | Southern New York. |
| P. G. P. C. A. B. Coffroth, (vice E. P. Hunter, deceased,) - - - - - | Virginia. |
| P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, - - - | Virginia. |
| P. G. P. E. D. Farnsworth, - - - | Tennessee. |
| G. S. Wm. Curtis, (vice C. D. Freeman, resigned,) - - - - - | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. M. T. G. Senter, - - - - | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. Henry F. Askew, - - - | Delaware. |
| P. G. P. W. H. Remington, - - - | Missouri. |

Your committee would further report that they find a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Canada West, of P. G. Thomas Reynolds, and a certificate from the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, of P. G. E. G. Fuller; but, as the dispensations of these jurisdictions have yet to be confirmed by this R. W. Grand Body your committee would recommend that these brethren be admitted to this floor when confirmatory action shall have been had in reference thereto.

WM. A. BELL,
AMOS MATHEWS,
JOHN W. PRUETT.

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, the reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, the minutes of the last session, as printed, were adopted.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire submitted his final report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN: A beautiful and happy coincidence fixes the time of your assemblage in the harvest period of the year, and you are now met to inquire what fruits have been reaped from our vast fields, what stores garnered into our granary, and to consult together in what manner the blessings thus granted to our Brotherhood's labor may be best redistributed in the cause of humanity. The cycle which brings you again into consultation proclaims that another year has been harvested to eternity. Whether the labors performed during its revolution have been for weal or for woe, is now to be considered by you. In the theocratic government established of old, it is taught that man's necessities required not alone fixed periods for rest, but also fixed times for reflection. You, Representatives, as the stewards of a great and exalted charity, are now invited to review

the work already done: if well done, to continue the culture heretofore successful; if illy and unprofitably performed, so to remodel the system as will best insure abundant returns for the labor expended.

The returns from the several jurisdictions indicate generally a healthy condition for the Order. The numerical increase is not so great as in some previous years, but this in no manner betrays weakness. While yet novel, many were attracted by the novelty, to unite themselves to Odd-Fellowship; grown older and more familiar to the public ear, the growth may henceforth be expected to be more slow, but more sure, since its acquisitions will be from among those who are actuated by the exalted principles inculcated by our fraternity. In some fields our labors have not been blessed as in others, yet a careful examination will lead us to regard the decrease with no anxiety. By it the tares have been separated from our wheat, and the store thus left is increased in worth. In other places the seed has produced an hundred fold, and humanity is rejoiced by the extension of peace and good will among men. And yet again new fields have been opened for our exertions, and in the energetic numbers building up an Empire in the Lower Provinces, in the swelling multitudes pressing onward to the smiling valleys of Western Canada, in the busy throngs congregating on the Pacific shores, great reason is furnished us for joy. Charity hath enlisted with men—a whole continent acknowledges her aid; her praises are echoed back by the billows of its ocean boundaries; its rivers bear them to its mountain tops; from its mountains they roll in grateful streams throughout its inland valleys. The whole land is resonant with her blessings. Yet, even while gladdened by the general prosperity with which we are blessed, the wail of sorrow and anguish falls upon our ears: the cry of despair reaches us from our afflicted brethren of Norfolk and Portsmouth. Desolation such as theirs rarely is permitted to visit mankind; the human heart, harrowed by the tales of human misery, gladly turns to that charity which strives to ameliorate the suffering, and we, as Odd-Fellows, may regard with mournful satisfaction the evidences of sympathy and fraternal feeling exhibited towards the afflicted by the liberal contributions made by the Subordinate Lodges of our land.

The limited territory now under the immediate jurisdiction of this Body yearly reduces the number of warrants granted for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. The following three warrants for Subordinate Lodges have been granted since the last communication, to wit: for Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Olympia, Washington Territory; Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, Nebraska city, Nebraska; and Phœnix Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, Canada East. The petitions for these several Lodges are herewith submitted.

At the last communication the duty was charged upon me of visiting the several Lodges in British North America, for the purposes of instruction and encouragement. Immediately upon the adjournment in September last I prepared for the performance of this duty, and was within a few hours of my departure when the intelligence reached me that a formidable epidemic had broken out in the city where I reside.

Natural affection and duty both urged me to return to my suffering fellow-citizens, to bear with them the varied calls for the relief of the sick and distressed. The tenor of the resolutions adopted required such visit to be made previous to the present communication, and while I believed it was of importance that the duty should be performed as early as practicable, I yet deemed it a more imperative call to return to scenes where the necessities were more immediate. Under such circumstances I communicated to the R. W. D. D. Grand Sires of the Lower Provinces, Canada East, and Canada West that in the Spring of this year I would visit their respective jurisdictions. In April last, but a few days before the time fixed, a severe domestic affliction was permitted by the All-wise Ruler of the Universe to befall my household, and thrice in the space of a month the tomb closed over those who were nearly connected and dearly endeared to me. In this time of affliction I deemed the duty would be far more efficiently performed by Deputies, and, agreeably to the alternative permitted by the resolutions, I appointed R. W. Grand Secretary Ridgely to visit the jurisdiction of Canada East and Canada West, and Past Grand Master William Ellison to visit the Lower Provinces. With prompt cheerfulness my excellent brothers undertook the respective missions. Their reports, herewith submitted, show the manner in which they discharged their trusts. The most gratifying letters have been received by me from various parts of British North America, telling of the benefits enuring from these visits, and expressing the highest gratification and pleasure at the manner in which these important duties were fulfilled. But the best evidence of their success is afforded by the fact that warrants have been granted for, and Grand Lodges instituted in, the Lower Provinces and in Canada West. Representatives from these jurisdictions will be in attendance during the present communication, but before they can be admitted to membership your approval of the warrants will be necessary. The petitions for these Grand Lodges are herewith submitted, and an early reference to the appropriate committee is respectfully recommended. I cannot close this portion of my report without gratefully acknowledging the very important services rendered to the cause of Odd-Fellowship by R. W. D. D. G. Sires E. G. Fuller of the Lower Provinces and Thomas Reynolds of Canada West. The prosperous and thriving condition of the Order in their respective jurisdictions is greatly due to the zeal, energy, and fraternal spirit with which they have administered to the wants of the Lodges under their care. With a grateful appreciation of their services the Grand Lodges of those jurisdictions promptly elected these brethren as their representatives to this Body.

I regret that it is my duty to report the condition of the Order in New Mexico as quite unsatisfactory. The causes of this can scarcely be judged of at so remote a distance, but, from the various communications received by me during the past year, I am constrained to believe it almost a necessary incident to the state of the country itself. Jealousies have sprung up between the several Lodges and between members of the same Lodges. The spirit of charity and forbearance appears

to have been but little exercised, while the difficulties of communicating with the officers of this Body have added largely to the embarrassing state of affairs. The report of P. G. Charles L. Spencer, filed herewith, strongly indicates the jealousies existing in that jurisdiction. The course pursued by P. G. Spencer, as D. D. G. Sire, and as reported by himself, I deemed so detrimental to the interest of the Order, and so far exceeding the powers vested in him, that I considered it necessary to remove him from his office. In my various communications with him I endeavored to point out the necessity of a conciliatory course as best calculated to restore harmony, and it was with a feeling of pain that I eventually adopted the course of removing him. As will be perceived by the correspondence herewith filed, no time has been allowed me to institute inquiries as to the recriminative charges which have been made, and I respectfully recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Grand Sire for further action. By him all proper investigations can be instituted, and upon obtaining full information of the facts, such course may be then adopted as will restore peace to this distracted jurisdiction.

The cases of Bugle Lodge, No. 3, and Wah-a-toy-a Encampment, No. 2, deserve your particular consideration. The failure to receive communications addressed to the officers of this body has placed the above named subordinates in an embarrassing and painful position. In May, 1854, the charter of Bugle Lodge was tendered to me; but, from the circumstances causing such surrender, I thought that it was more for the interest of the Order to afford an opportunity for the resumption of its work, and addressed a letter to P. G. Horace A. Brooks urging the Lodge to continue its labors, and saying that in order to give time for a reconsideration of the subject, I would, for the time, leave the charter unreclaimed. To this letter, no reply being received prior to the last communication, the matter was reported to you, and the surrender of the charter accepted—provision being made to supply the members with proper cards. By letters received this year it appears that a petition was mailed for a restoration of the charter, but it has never been received. In consequence of this, the members of Bugle Lodge have been placed in an embarrassing position, and urgently solicit some action by this body whereby they may be relieved. Upon learning from P. G. Brooks that such petition had been forwarded, I wrote him requesting full information. Bugle Lodge, under the fostering care of P. G. Brooks, himself an Odd-Fellow without guile and of great zeal, had attained a high position for the correctness of its work and for its faithful adherence to the principles of our Order. I would therefore recommend that the Grand Sire be authorized to restore the charter, books, funds, &c. of the Lodge, should he be satisfied with the information so asked for.

The case of Wah-a-toy-a Encampment, No. 2, presents some features of a similar character. In 1853 an application was made for a warrant for an Encampment near Fort Union. The petitioners were generally members of Bugle Lodge. A warrant was granted by Grand Sire Moore, and the Encampment designated as Artillery Encampment.

At the communication of 1854 the constitution of this Encampment (but therein called Wah-a-toy-a) was submitted to and approved by this body. In the early part of the present year P. G. Spencer, then D. D. Grand Sire for New Mexico, reported to me that the members of this Encampment being generally members of Bugle Lodge, and also members of Ridgely Encampment, No 1, he had desired them to suspend their work until the facts could be reported to me. At the same time I received a letter under the seal of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, informing me that many of the members of Wah-a-toy-a still remained as members upon the books of Ridgely Encampment. Under this state of things I approved of the action of P. G. Spencer, and desired the work of Wah-a-toy-a Encampment suspended until these difficulties were removed. This subject being closely allied to the former, and probably to be disembarassed by the information sought from P. G. Brooks, I respectfully recommend its reference to the Grand Sire for further action.

The rule which I had adopted for my guidance in communicating upon matters connected with the Order having been rigidly adhered to, the correspondence of my office has been much abridged. The communications received and the answers addressed by me thereto are herewith submitted and filed.

The publication of the proceedings of this body in a form accessible to all who desire to acquaint themselves with the laws of the Order has been attended by its natural result. The means of information being attainable, the references to the Grand Sire for decisions have materially diminished. I have therefore but few to report to you. The following are the only points decided, viz:

1. That a member committing suicide, his family were not thereby debarred from benefits.

2. That the Grand Lodge of the United States had always refused to sanction public installations of officers; that the ceremony was performed, the Lodge being opened in the initiatory degree; that Daughters of Rebekah were merely honorary in their connexion with the Order, and could not be present at the installation of officers.

3. That a Grand Representative elect taking a withdrawal card, thereby forfeits his office, although he afterwards deposits the card in another Lodge.

(To this decision I request the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge; it is one of nice constitutional question, and my own mind is far from being firmly settled upon the subject.)

4. That a Subordinate Lodge violating the laws laid down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and refusing to observe such laws, may be expelled therefor; and that the Grand Master, during the recess, may demand its charter.

5. That when visiting for installation purposes, a Grand Master was entitled to take the chair of the Noble Grand, but that when otherwise visiting he was not entitled to that chair of right.

6. That a reconsideration of a ballot is inadmissible.

7. That a Noble Grand elect having failed to appear for installation

and forfeited (under the local laws) his office, the member elected and installed in his lieu is the Noble Grand of the Lodge.

8. That the correctness of giving two of the Patriarchal degrees upon the same evening was to be determined by the local legislation.

9. That it was improper to confer an Encampment degree upon one holding a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge.

10. That the balloting for degrees was to be conducted in the Lodge opened in the degree applied for.

Many of these decisions have been so repeatedly iterated by the Grand Lodge of the United States that I but answered in the language furnished me on the Journals.

The report of the Grand Secretary will furnish in detail much that has been herein merely referred to. The condensation of the Vital Statistics required to be reported to that office imposes upon the Grand Secretary a very arduous duty, and one scarcely possible for him unaidedly to perform. The subject of finances, as reported upon by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, will better exhibit the state of the Treasury than can be herein spoken of, and will doubtless meet your attentive consideration.

The Constitution adopted at the last communication appears to have generally met the approval of the Order. A greater degree of harmonious feeling seems to exist throughout the fraternity than has prevailed for many years, and the hope may be reasonably indulged that under its workings we shall see our noble charity yearly enlarging its borders.

Representatives, a few brief moments will sever the connexion now existing between us. To one well tried in the annals of the Order the duty of presiding over your deliberations and watching over your interests will be confided. While yet your presiding officer, permit me to express my grateful acknowledgments for the many marks of kindness received from you, and the courtesy and the support generously bestowed by you. To err is human, and I neither expect nor believe myself to have escaped from man's lot, but your liberal confidence has glossed the errors I may have committed and softened the ruggedness of my ways. For all these things an abiding gratitude will brighten the remaining hours of my life. The years spent in laboring in behalf of our beloved Order will while life lasts be treasured in my heart—the hours passed within these walls will ever retain the fresh vividness of reality, though long since passed away. In a scrutiny of myself, I cannot recall other than most pleasant associations within this body—the excitements of differing opinions have left upon my own heart no traces other than of kindliest feeling. With you, as with myself, I cherish the fond hope that naught will be left of the remembrance of my association with you save of its kindness. Now one of the oldest members connected with this body, and for many successive years a witness, participant, and actor in the scenes which have passed before it—warmly interested in the extension and continuance of those pure principles which genuine and undefiled Odd-Fellowship teaches—a firm believer in the honesty

of the human heart, and of its earnest sympathy in the woes and afflictions of its kind—deeply impressed with the all-important truth that charity is peace and good-will towards men—and firmly assured that by the course which this body has pursued the important trusts confided to its care have been well administered; permit me, Representatives, to say to you, in the spirit of fraternal counsel, "be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of love," "for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain."

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, *Grand Sire.*

The report having been read—

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, it was referred to a special committee of three, for the purpose of distributing the subjects therein referred to to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. Senter, of New Hampshire, Mickle, of New Jersey, and Washington, of North Carolina, as the committee.

The following Documents were submitted with the Grand Sire's Report, ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

BALTIMORE, AUGUST 24, 1855.

*To* WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Detailed by your commission, bearing date the 25th day of May, 1855, to make an official visit to the various Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States in British North America, I proceeded to the discharge of that duty on the 16th day of June, and respectfully report in detail the manner of its performance, and the advantages probably to enure to the cause of Odd Fellowship as the fruit of a mission conceived in the true spirit of fraternity, and animated by that earnest practical humanity for which the distinguished body under whose auspices it has been undertaken has been so often and justly characterized.

Having reached the city of Boston on the morning of the 19th of June, my first care was to secure a passage to Halifax by the British steamer of the following day. In this desire I was unsuccessful, in consequence of the pre-occupancy of every berth on board; the reduction of the line from four to two steamers per month serving to crowd a travel sufficient for four into two steamers, and thus to narrow the opportunity of a passage in that direction.

Under these circumstances, finding also upon inquiry that the land route was tedious and vexatious by reason of its delays and doubtful connexions, and the opportunity of a passage by the steamer deferred for two weeks, I addressed a letter to you respectfully declining so much of the mission as comprehended a visitation to Nova Scotia, and recommended the appointment of a special deputation, charged with that particular duty. In this suggestion you were kind enough to concur, and to appoint without delay Brother P. G. M. William Ellison, Most Worthy Grand Sire elect, to make the visitation to that part of the jurisdiction within British North America. Thus relieved, the undersigned proceeded on the 21st of June to the Canadas, and, having

reached Montreal, immediately set on foot inquiries concerning the existence of our Order in that city. After a day of fruitless inquiry, no trace whatever of Odd Fellowship could be found. I determined therefore to defer, until my return from Quebec, all further search. This course was influenced by my inability to find P. G. Sire H. H. Whitney, who was absent from Montreal, and the certainty that ample information could be obtained at Quebec as to the name and locality of many of the former prominent Odd Fellows of Montreal. I departed on the following day for Quebec, which I had the good fortune to reach on the 24th. In this ancient and remarkable city I found the warm heart and cordial grasp of the Odd Fellow, prompt to welcome and greet me upon my arrival. Although a stranger, and in a distant land, the mystic language which I spoke, the generous and noble mission with which I was charged, and the lofty name of that vast Brotherhood whose humble minister and representative I was, opened wide the hearts and hospitalities of the Canadian brethren, who lavished upon the undersigned, during his sojourn in their midst, one uninterrupted and continuous stream of kindness, courtesy, and attention. Never, honored sir, did I feel prouder in my life, in my character as an Odd Fellow, than on this occasion. I felt that our beloved Order had already achieved its own full-grown and matured fame; had indeed constructed for itself a monument more enduring than iron or brass; a monument engraven upon the tablets of the human heart, and destined to perpetuate Odd Fellowship, its virtues and its offices of benefaction, to the latest posterity. Amidst this cheering spectacle it was, however, in some degree dispiriting to learn the narrative of the trials and difficulties to which the Order had been subjected, and which had driven the membership from the lodge rooms. The Order, although in feeble health, numbered a band of gallant spirits, who were pledged to preserve it against all odds. It had been abandoned by an unnatural parent, the Grand Lodge of British North America, at a moment when it most required its fostering care; it had been assailed by a twofold antagonism; an enemy from within its own folds, viz. apathy and indifference, and an enemy from without, viz. intolerance and a bitter religious persecution. These had reduced the lodges in the entire Province to but one, and the membership of this one to sixty or seventy in number; yet this indomitable band, partaking of the nature and character of their own impregnable city, had successfully resisted the combined enemy, and preserved for Odd-Fellowship a firm foothold and existence, and had solemnly pledged themselves to its maintenance. This Lodge, Albion No. 1, continued to assemble, although barely sufficient members could sometimes be got together to work the lodge. The entire membership which survived, about sixty, nevertheless discharged all other duties and obligations as Odd-Fellows with strict fidelity; every claim upon the body for the sick or distressed, the widow or the orphan, and every appeal to the charity of the lodge, were promptly and effectively met, the treasury being most ample at all times, and now reaching some five hundred pounds. This lodge commended itself to me as a noble illustration of Odd Felship, and inspired me with the deepest interest in its re-action and future

prosperity. It was in the hands truly of a Spartan band, the master spirit of which was D. D. Grand Sire James McClaren, a citizen of Quebec universally esteemed and beloved, not more for an enlarged spirit of humanity than for qualities of heart and mind which eminently fitted him for usefulness in the field of moral and christian warfare, and which were earnestly exerted in that noble behalf. By the prompt and cheerful aid of this brother, and by his valuable and untiring industry, a full meeting of the lodge was assembled, to which the undersigned was formally introduced, and by which he was received with the salutations usual upon grand visitations.

After a cordial and fraternal welcome from the Noble Grand of the Lodge, this highly respected brother availed himself of the occasion to express, in most eloquent language, in behalf of the Lodge, his profound acknowledgments to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the affectionate regard manifested by the Parent Body for the welfare and prosperity of the Order in that distant portion of its jurisdiction; to relate the difficulties and embarrassments under which they had labored; and to reiterate their fixed and determined purpose not only to preserve Odd-Fellowship, but to cherish, honor, and prosper its mission in Canada East.

The undersigned briefly responded to this address. He spoke of the deep interest which the Grand Lodge of the United States felt in the general prosperity of the Order everywhere throughout its vast jurisdiction; of its great effort further to widen and enlarge the area of its usefulness throughout the earth, by the acquisition of new fields for labor and for cultivation; of its firm purpose to maintain to the utmost of its capacity every foot of soil ever occupied by it, and never to cease to care for her offspring, wherever its destiny should be cast, or in whatever feeble or humble circumstances placed; that it was in this spirit that the mission of love, of which the undersigned was the present humble representative, had been conceived and authorized, and which, from the sympathetic chord it had awakened in the hearts of the Canadian brotherhood, was sure to produce the most abundant fruit. It was also my privilege to recount to them the story of our own struggles for many years, against obstacles quite as formidable as those by which they were beset, and our ultimate triumph and present unexampled prosperity; to felicitate them that they were now a part of a great army whose hosts numbered thousands and tens of thousands, whose single mission was to war against inhumanity in all its forms, and to cherish and practice benevolence in its most comprehensive sense, under the broad banner of "peace and good will to man." This train of sentiment was cordially greeted, and the Lodge room resounded in tones of sympathetic feeling. Addresses were also made by D. D. G. Sire McClaren, by the Vice Grand of the Lodge, and by several other members, all of which were fully responsive to the sentiments expressed by the undersigned, and evinced the deepest concern for the revival of the Order in that jurisdiction. The evening was passed in a comparison of, and instruction in the work, and I am happy to say that for the most part I found their practice to be correct.

The Lodge closed in the most gratifying state of feeling, impressing the undersigned with an abiding assurance that the seed cast upon this furrow will yield in due time an abundant harvest.

It was my pleasure to remain several days with this Brotherhood, during which time many conferences were had with D. D. G. Sire McClaren upon the subject of the work, and such instruction was imparted in relation to the law and ritual of the Order as appeared necessary for the proper supervision of the District.

The subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the District was brought to the notice of the Lodge, and was most gladly responded to. Steps were taken for the revival of Lodge No. 2 of that city, which the undersigned earnestly encouraged. The Degree of Rebekah was conferred, and gave great satisfaction. The undersigned authorized the District Deputy Grand Sire to re-organize Lodge No. 2 without the form of application to the Executive of the Order, the said Lodge, although nominally defunct, having never surrendered its charter or books, possession of which was retained by the last presiding officer. In this connexion also I recommended a correspondence with the Brotherhood in Montreal, with a view to the revival of the Order, and promised them the hearty co-operation of the Grand Lodge of the United States in that behalf. Before leaving, I took occasion again to urge upon them the great importance of a Grand Lodge for the District; to advise them to work earnestly to that end, as the means of putting them in close fellowship with us, thus deriving from our example and energy proper instructions and incentives to carry forward the true mission of the Order in Canada East. I left them a gratified and delighted Brotherhood, thoroughly impressed with the conviction that a connexion with the Grand Lodge of the United States was best suited to their condition, and ambitious for a representation in that body at an early moment.

The undersigned experienced during his sojourn at Quebec the kindest and most fraternal regards, and especially to Deputy District Grand Sire McClaren is he indebted for courteous and unremitted attentions.

On the evening of the 27th June I parted company with the brethren of this District, with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—regret that my further duties separated me from a circle which illustrated in every conceivable aspect practical Odd Fellowship blended with the accomplished gentleman, and pleasure in the reflection that my feeble voice, uplifted for the good and the welfare of that circle, had already awakened a zeal in the cause of Odd-Fellowship which gave promise of its speedy and healthful reaction.

The city of Montreal was reached on the 28th of June, and my inquiries were at one resumed as to the condition of the Order in that city, and the practicability of its revival. I had the pleasure of meeting at an early moment with Bro. Whitney, a Past Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of British North America and a Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This distinguished brother was highly gratified to meet me, and upon hearing the recital

of my visit to Quebec and my present purpose at Montreal, was at once reinspired with his former enthusiasm in Odd Fellowship, and without a moment's delay entered with me most cordially into the business in hand. He accompanied me to the residence and place of business of several of the most prominent members of the defunct Lodges of that city each of whom he most earnestly invoked to return to the fold of the Order. Every brother thus addressed, without exception, responded favorably to his appeal, and an informal meeting was arranged for immediate action. I had the pleasure to receive an application for the institution of a new Lodge, to be called Phœnix Lodge, No. 3, and to grant a temporary warrant for the establishment of the Lodge, subject to your approbation. The deputation to institute the Lodge was committed to Past Grand Sire Whitney, in whose charge it is hardly necessary for me to say that it was safely reposed. I remark in this connexion that the establishment of a new Lodge, instead of reviving one of the old Lodges, was suggested in consequence of the possible conflict, as to which name or number should be selected, and the adoption of the name was influenced by the same spirit to embrace in the new Lodge all the surviving membership of the old. I regret to say that at present the prospects of the new Lodge are not flattering, but it is believed that the revival of the Order in Quebec, its great success in Canada West, and the daily increasing business and social intercourse between Montreal and the United States, will combine to revive the energies of that brotherhood and to lead it on to prosperity.

I left the city of Montreal on the 29th of June for Canada West, and reached Brockville upon Lake Ontario, the residence of D. D. Grand Sire Thomas Reynolds, on the following day. This distinguished brother had been apprised of my advent by letters and telegraph from Quebec, and was therefore prepared to meet me. In a few moments after my arrival he called upon me at my hotel, and most cordially welcomed me to the jurisdiction. I found this brother gratified in the highest degree in realizing the long anxiously-wished official visitation, and full of hope as to the good results which were likely to follow in its train. Before entering upon a detail of the work performed in this jurisdiction, the undersigned feels it to be due to the M. W. Grand Sire and to the brotherhood at large in the Canadas to state, that everywhere in this visitation he took occasion to make known the painful afflicting domestic circumstances which precluded the Grand Sire from the performance of a duty which had been originated by his own extreme anxiety and care for the Order in British North America, and which the Grand Lodge of the United States had unanimously devolved upon him. The regret which filled the Grand Sire at this disappointment was not more full and complete than that which was not only universally expressed but everywhere practically manifested throughout the Order in the Canadas. Notwithstanding the general disappointment, a grateful feeling prevailed that the mission had been made, and the highest respect and most cordial welcome everywhere greeted your humble representative.

D. D. Grand Sire Reynolds, apprised in season of my approach, had telegraphed several of the Lodges in his immediate vicinity, requesting them to appear by representatives at Brockville on a day fixed, for the purpose of considering the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge for Canada West. This request was not generally responded to, in consequence of the difficulty of assembling special sessions of the Lodges; it was therefore suggested that each Lodge should act upon the subject independently, and transmit the result to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary. This course was pursued, and, as will be seen in the sequel, resulted successfully. On the evening of the day of my arrival a special meeting of Brock Lodge was called, which was numerously attended. After the usual salutation and a welcome from the Chair, the undersigned made a brief address, in which he took occasion to congratulate the Lodge upon its evident health and prosperity, and to encourage a perseverance in the course which had produced such auspicious results. The evening was devoted to thorough instruction in the work, and at a late hour the Lodge, highly delighted and improved, closed its session, having by a unanimous vote approved the formation of a District Grand Lodge. On the following day I conferred upon D. D. Grand Sire Reynolds the Grand Lodge degree and the degree of Rebekak, and imparted such instructions as to the form of organizing and working a Grand Lodge as was necessary to enable him to acquit himself of this service. I found this brother all that I had been led to expect from the tenor of his general correspondence with the Corresponding Secretary—full of zeal for Odd-Fellowship, and that zeal disciplined by a matured judgment and a highly cultivated mind. The Order at large is greatly indebted to this invaluable officer, who has been emphatically the preserver of the American Order of Odd-Fellows in Canada West. At a time when the Parent Body had proved not only reckless to its own being, but equally careless of the existence of its healthful offspring; when the Lodges under its jurisdiction were advised to divide their funds and disband, this brother interposed his influence to arrest the effect of such counsels, and by his energy of purpose, with the co-operation of a few others, succeeded in preserving and prospering the existence of the American Order in Canada West. This jurisdiction now numbers twelve Lodges, five of which have been added during the past year, and are composed of members formerly of the Manchester Unity.

Having arranged with the D. D. G. Sire the proper preliminary steps for obtaining an expression of opinion from the various Lodges upon the subject of the formation of a District Grand Lodge, I left on the 30th June for Union Lodge at St. Catherine's. Brother Reynolds had previously telegraphed all the Lodges west of London to meet with Eureka Lodge at London, on a day fixed, and also to the brethren of St. Catharine's to expect me at an early moment. This course was found absolutely necessary, in consequence of the remoteness of several of the Lodges from the principal thoroughfares and the scattered locality of the membership. Having reached St. Catherine's, I found a committee from Union Lodge ready to receive me. The telegraphic despatch

had performed its full service, the Lodge was already assembled, and awaiting my arrival. I was formally introduced by the committee, and handsomely received and welcomed. After an interchange of salutations I proceeded to practice in the work, and had the great satisfaction to find that very generally their work was correct. The rehearsal was thorough and the instruction most gratefully received. This Lodge was advised upon the subject of the proposed formation of a Grand Lodge, and, after some discussion, postponed action until the ensuing lodge night, at which time it unanimously approved the proposition, and authorized its signature to be attached to the application. I had the pleasure to meet at St. Catherine's two brethren, delegates from Elgin Lodge at St. Thomas, who, having heard of my arrival in the jurisdiction, were deputed to invite me to visit Elgin Lodge. On the following day we left in company for Hamilton, where we remained over Sunday and on Monday left for London. At London I had the great satisfaction to find that the telegraphic despatch had assembled nearly all the Lodges west in the lodge-room of Eureka Lodge. The greatest pleasure was manifested at my arrival, and the kindest and most fraternal courtesies and attentions were on every hand, and by every brother, bestowed upon your representative. This section of Canada West had heretofore been almost exclusively occupied by the Manchester Unity, but the American Order had now entirely overshadowed it. The junction with the Grand Lodge of the United States was freely spoken of as a source of great benefit and value to them, not only in view of the noble moral of the American institution, but also in view of the larger area of benefit and influence arising from fellowship with a family so widely diffused throughout the earth. Eureka Lodge assembled at its usual time and place, when the undersigned was formally received and introduced. The lodge-room was crowded, and the greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings. After short addresses, salutations, and responses, instruction in the work commenced and was continued until a late hour in the night. This instruction, being designed to reach every Lodge in the jurisdiction, was practical and thorough, and rehearsed in detail time and again, until every brother present was perfectly informed. This Lodge approved the application for a Grand Lodge, and all the delegates present were requested to bring the subject before their respective Lodges. The membership of the Lodges needed but little instruction, being generally correct, but some of the delegates present had been misled by erroneous instructions from visiting Brothers from the United States. I conferred the degree of Rebekah on this occasion, as I had previously done throughout the jurisdiction.

At the close of the Lodge meeting the brethren of Eureka Lodge entertained the undersigned, with the delegates present from the Lodges West, in a generous and hospitable manner, at a sumptuous repast, on which occasion the most fraternal spirit was evinced toward the brethren of the United States, with whom a determination was expressed to cultivate the closest union and fellowship.

Having now fulfilled the purpose of my mission I left for my home

which I reached in safety on the morning of the 6th of July. I have no doubt whatever but that you will receive an application for a Grand Lodge charter for Canada West, and that the jurisdiction will be organized without delay, and will be represented at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This new jurisdiction may be represented by two members, but if not now entitled to such a representation, it will be at the session of 1856, and will become in a very short time one of the strongest Grand Lodges in the confederacy.

With my profound acknowledgments for the honor conferred in bestowing the honorable and responsible appointment upon me, and with the expression of my sincere personal regards,

I remain your brother in F. L. & T.

JAS. L. RIDGELY.

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BOSTON, AUGUST 6th, 1855.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.: Your telegraphic despatch was received by me the morning of my departure for Halifax, and came in good time, as I availed myself of its authority to grant the prayer of a petition from our Nova Scotia brethren for the establishment of a Grand Lodge. From the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Bro. Alfred Mudge, I obtained the necessary books and papers, and invited Bro. Mudge to accompany me. He accepted the invitation, and his efficient services and previous acquaintance with many of the petitioners of Acadia Lodge added very much to the success of my mission. Upon our arrival at Halifax we were immediately waited upon by D. D. Grand Sire Fuller, who informed us that a complimentary banquet had been prepared for our reception, and on the afternoon of Friday, July 20th, we took a train of cars and soon found ourselves under a spacious pavilion some four miles from the city. The company assembled was not confined to members of the Fraternity, but numbered some of the most distinguished citizens of Halifax. A most friendly and fraternal interchange of international courtesies took place, which cannot but have a healthy influence upon the Order. A special meeting of Acadia Lodge was called at 3 o'clock P. M. on the following day, and I found the attendance quite large. I took occasion to make some remarks to the brethren upon the object of the visit, and endeavored to express the warm interest felt by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the members of the Order in British North America.

I instructed them in the work of the Order, and advised with them upon the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge in their district. This was very favorably received by them, and they appointed a delegate to meet the other Lodges in convention to discuss the subject of the establishment of a Grand Lodge. Upon the following Monday we started for Pictou by stage coach, (110 miles,) stopping at Truro, visiting and instructing Cobequid Lodge, located there. Upon our arrival at Pictou a special meeting of Eastern Star Lodge was called, at which

all but two members were present, and those two were detained by sickness at home. The Lodge opened in the usual form, and I was much pleased with the very correct manner in which they worked. This Lodge is composed of men of intelligence and character, under whose determined resolution the cause must prosper. I addressed them upon the subject of the fraternal relations existing between the Odd-Fellows of British North America and those in the States, and afterwards instructed them in the work of the Order, which they received with a great degree of kindness and courtesy. At their request I conferred the third, fourth, and fifth degrees upon some of their members. After the adjournment a few hours was spent in social converse, and we took our departure for Halifax, accompanied by representatives from Pictou and Truro. Upon arriving at Halifax the delegates met in convention and voted to petition for a Grand Lodge of the district of the Lower Provinces, to be located at Halifax. I issued a dispensation, and, after conferring the Grand Lodge degrees, proceeded with the assistance of Bro. Mudge to institute a Grand Lodge. An election of officers followed, and afterwards the installation.

In the evening I met the Patriarchs of Mamberton Encampment, and gave them instruction in the work of the patriarchal department. There were three special meetings of Acadia Lodge, two special meetings of the Grand Lodge, and one meeting of Mamberton Encampment during our stay in Halifax; and I assure you, my dear sir, that I found the members of the Order in that city full of life and activity in the details of our organization. And at Truro, although the Lodge is quite small, yet those that were present took a great interest in the work of the Order and were quite anxious to receive proper instruction. This Lodge will soon change its present location to a position nearer the centre of the town, and I have no doubt that with their present efficient officers they will increase in numerical strength, and win the confidence and approbation of the inhabitants of that very pleasant village.

Eastern Star Lodge, at Pictou, is in a flourishing condition. It is composed of the bone and sinew of the community, and must of necessity occupy a firm position among the Lodges in British North America. It was much to be regetted by your delegate that Past Grand B. H. Norton, the United States Consul at Pictou, was confined to his bed by serious illness during our sojourn there. The services of this distinguished brother have been very valuable in sustaining and strengthening the Order in that place.

From all the brethren in Pictou we received a most hearty welcome, and their only regret seemed to be that we were obliged to make so short a stay with them. Past Grand Dickson, of Eastern Star Lodge and Past Grand Bent, of Cobequid Lodge, Truro, returned with us to Halifax. The object of our mission having been fully accomplished, after a short stay at Halifax to receive the renewed attention of the brethren there, we commenced our journey homeward, under a sense of great obligation to all the brethren with whom it was our privilege and pleasure to meet, for the very many kindnesses extended to us

during our visit among them, and the great cordiality with which your delegate was received in his official capacity. I think the establishment of Grand Lodges in the British North American Districts will have a happy and beneficial effect upon the Order there. It will have a tendency to remove that feeling of isolation that has heretofore necessarily existed, and which will now be overcome by their having State jurisdictions of their own, and also by being represented in the Grand Lodge of the United States. It will be like the adding of a new link to the golden chain that binds together the Odd-Fellows of British North America and those in the United States.

I think the Order is under great obligations to your worthy D. D Grand Sire E. G. Fuller, for his untiring exertions and many personal sacrifices to re-invigorate and strengthen the Order in the Lower Provinces. He commands the love, respect, and esteem of the members of the Order in his jurisdiction, for his urbanity and kindness, and his constant effort to advance the prosperity of the Lodge under his charge. I am happy to add that he has been elected Grand Representative from his Grand Lodge, and I feel assured he will be warmly welcomed by the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Baltimore, at the next communication.

In closing this very lengthy communication, allow me to thank you, Most Worthy Grand Sire, for the honor conferred upon me in being entrusted with this important mission. Such occasional official visitation to the extreme parts of our jurisdiction, where Odd-Fellowship is weak in numerical strength, and is without that healthy activity so necessary to insure its success, I think is one of those wise acts that must always redound to the welfare of our common fraternity. I cannot but think that the visit to Nova Scotia would have given still greater satisfaction had it been made by the Grand Sire himself; but I regret the necessity that prevented you from fulfilling the mission, and beg leave to sympathise with you in your bereavement. I can only hope that the interests of our beloved Order have suffered no detriment while entrusted to my charge. If the mission to Nova Scotia has been instrumental in reviving an interest in the Order, which I am not permitted to doubt, it will be a full and adequate return to yourself for projecting and to the R. W. Grand Lodge for carrying out the visitation.

I remain very truly and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM ELLISON.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The usual annual report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary is respectfully submitted. The several duties devolved upon him to be performed during the recess are comprised within the following by-laws and resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause three hundred additional copies of the daily journal to be printed for the use of this R. W. Grand Body.

2. Four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement.—*By-Laws, Art.* 28.

3. Each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, for its own use; and an equal number to be distributed amongst its Subordinates. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Lodge and Encampment working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.—*Ibid, Article* 18.

4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journal and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from this Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 1854, *page* 2254.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed, upon the back of all visiting cards which may hereafter be issued from his office, the blank form of a certificate relative to benefits, as passed by this Grand Body at its last session.—*Ibid*, 2250.

7. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to change the word "quarterly" to "semi-annually," whenever the former occurs in the Charge Books, in subsequent editions of said books.—*Ibid*, 2268.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Subordinate Lodges of which the delinquents to this Grand Lodge are members of their indebtedness, and let them adopt such measures as in their discretion they may deem most expedient.—*Ibid*, 2311.

9. *Resolved*, That all Charge Books that may be printed hereafter shall contain the form of installation.—*Ibid*, 2230.

10. That the Grand Secretary shall take charge of the department of vital statistics, and collate, preserve, and arrange the same, and report thereon at each annual session of this Grand Lodge; embodying the aggregate results, with such suggestions as he may deem necessary and advantageous to the Order.—*Journal*, 1853, *page* 2164.

11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be directed to draw a single order on the Treasurer, in accordance with the estimate of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem which may be presented to him and adopted by this Grand Lodge, for the payment of the per diem due to members which have been in attendance since the making up of the report of that committee on the 9th instant, and that such single voucher for the aggregate amount shall be sufficient for the Grand Treasurer to make payment accordingly.—*Ibid*, 2344.

12. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be and are hereby authorized to sell Bond No. —, Maryland State Stock, (six per cent.,) $3,274 46, should they deem it necessary or advisable, for the highest price that can be obtained; and that full power is hereby given to said officers to execute the necessary assignment of same.—*Ibid*, 2350.

13. *Resolved*, That a copy of the preamble and resolutions touching the death of P. G. M. E. P. Hunter, of Va., certified by the Grand officers, under seal, be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and to the Grand Encampment of Virginia.—*Ibid*, 2344.

The first resolution was promptly complied with.

The twenty-eighth by-law has been literally obeyed. A copy of the advertisement published, and of the proposals received, are herewith presented to the Grand Lodge.

The eighteenth by-law was complied with at as early a date as possible after the adjournment, by the distribution of the Revised Journal in the manner therein prescribed.

The fourth and fifth resolutions have also been complied with; the number of copies of the bound Journal delivered under the fourth resolution to Grand Representatives being thirty-nine, and of the digested Index ninety-eight.

The sixth and seventh resolutions have been carried into effect in all editions of Cards and of the Charge Book published during the recess.

The eighth resolution has been obeyed; and as most of the individuals, occupying the position of delinquents to the Grand Lodge of the United States, have long ceased to be members of the Order, this may be considered as an abandonment of the claim of the Grand Lodge of the United States against all in this predicament. I am without advice from any Lodge on this subject.

The ninth resolution, in so far as new editions of the Charge Book are concerned, has been complied with; no Encampment work having been printed during the year, the resolution in that respect could not be gratified.

At the time of distributing the Journal of Proceedings of the last session, the undersigned, as required by the order of September session, 1854, took that occasion to transmit to the various Grand Bodies the blank forms prepared for the report on "vital statistics." No returns upon this subject were received until the present month, accompanying the annual reports of the various Grand Bodies. It has been impossible therefore for the undersigned to give to these returns any attention whatever, much less to collate and arrange them in the form of a report embodying aggregate results.

At the session of 1854 the undersigned reported that there were in hand a number of the required returns from the Lodges; but, owing to the late date at which they were necessarily received, it was impossible to make a report at that time. After the adjournment of the last session the reports from the Lodges made in 1854 were carefully examined, and their contents collated and arranged with a view to the end proposed.

The following are the results as shown in the statistical reports:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of members reported | 66,021 |
| Total weeks of sickness | 47,833 |
| Average age of members | 35,04 |
| Revenue per member | $6.70 |
| Paid to each death | $82.36 |
| Average payment of sick per week | $3.46 |

The rate of mortality at each year of age is within a small fraction of the Carlisle tables, to which reference may be had as being so near the exact truth that another table is deemed unnecessary. The current

expenses of the Lodges over and above the sums paid for sickness and mortality amount to an average of a fraction less than thirty-three per cent. of the entire revenue.

The following table shows, opposite each age, from 21 to 70, the number of members reported, the number of weeks' sickness at each age, and the average rate of sickness per member expressed in weeks and decimals:

| Age. | Number of members. | Weeks sick. | Rate of sickness. | Age. | Number of members. | Weeks sick. | Rate of sickness. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 000 | 000 | .000 | 46 | 1125 | 1024 | .911 |
| 22 | 1265 | 548 | .454 | 47 | 967 | 931 | .963 |
| 23 | 1732 | 797 | .460 | 48 | 1057 | 1082 | 1.024 |
| 24 | 2135 | 999 | .468 | 49 | 595 | 652 | 1.097 |
| 25 | 2458 | 1190 | .476 | 50 | 948 | 1093 | 1.154 |
| 26 | 2700 | 1306 | .484 | 51 | 393 | 475 | 1.209 |
| 27 | 2760 | 1358 | .496 | 52 | 472 | 542 | 1.215 |
| 28 | 3085 | 1570 | .590 | 53 | 384 | 470 | 1.236 |
| 29 | 2996 | 1575 | .529 | 54 | 412 | 517 | 1.257 |
| 30 | 3631 | 1956 | .536 | 55 | 323 | 421 | 1.304 |
| 31 | 2986 | 1552 | .552 | 56 | 248 | 339 | 1.369 |
| 32 | 2910 | 1633 | .561 | 57 | 160 | 236 | 1.481 |
| 33 | 2964 | 1680 | .567 | 58 | 130 | 216 | 1.665 |
| 34 | 3071 | 1753 | .570 | 59 | 83 | 162 | 1.953 |
| 35 | 3215 | 1861 | .579 | 60 | 115 | 253 | 2.201 |
| 36 | 2619 | 1537 | .587 | 61 | 58 | 141 | 2.438 |
| 37 | 2440 | 1488 | .610 | 62 | 38 | 103 | 2.735 |
| 38 | 2466 | 1590 | .949 | 63 | 27 | 96 | 3.561 |
| 39 | 2085 | 1442 | .692 | 64 | 21 | 92 | 4.400 |
| 40 | 2632 | 1895 | .720 | 65 | 50 | 246 | 4.938 |
| 41 | 1671 | 1249 | .748 | 66 | 13 | 71 | 5.478 |
| 42 | 1776 | 1383 | .779 | 67 | 12 | 73 | 6.017 |
| 43 | 1673 | 1358 | .812 | 68 | 7 | 45 | 6.465 |
| 44 | 1549 | 1312 | .847 | 69 | 5 | 34 | 6.973 |
| 45 | 1597 | 1403 | .879 | 70 | 12 | 88 | 7.381 |

In submitting the above the undersigned asks leave to make the following statement. The whole number of Lodges that sent in these statistical reports embraced a constituency of something more than one hundred thousand; but, owing probably to the inexperience of the officers in making up returns of this sort, a large number of the reports were found imperfect and unavailable for the purposes required. Nevertheless, the statistics in hand are of great value, and the like reports for a few years will furnish data for tables of the rate of sickness more wide in experience and more reliable than any that are now in existence.

The duty of examining, collating, and arranging the mass of facts embodied in these reports involves a labor which cannot well be performed in the office of the Grand Secretary without assistance. If, therefore, this labor shall be hereafter assigned to this office, the undersigned respectfully suggests that the Grand Secretary be authorized to

supply such assistance as will be adequate to its performance. This department would require the services of an industrious and competent auditor from three to four months. The great importance of the subject, and the absolute necessity of these sanitary statistics as a guide to the financial affairs of the Order in all future time, render it, in the judgment of the undersigned, of the first moment that they should be collected and preserved.

The tenth, eleventh, and thirteenth resolutions have been complied with. No necessity has as yet existed to carry out the twelfth resolution.

In obedience to the order of the last session directing "the officers of the Grand Lodge to issue withdrawal cards to the twenty-eight members of Bugle Lodge, No. 3, of New Mexico, who were in good standing at the time of the surrender of the warrant of said Lodge," I have to report that but one application has been received from this membership for a card, which was issued to George Gedesking, addressed to him at St. Louis, Missouri, during the month of March last. Two communications have also been received upon this subject from other members of that Lodge, which have been referred to the Grand Sire.

The annual returns of the State Grand Bodies, as now required to be made by the tenth article of the by-laws, substitute a return of aggregates instead of the former detailed reports. In the passage of this new law, returns as to the "*number of Lodges under each jurisdiction, of reinstatements, of brothers relieved, of widowed families relieved, of the mortality and burials during the year*," were omitted, as the undersigned believes, inadvertently, and in preparing a new form of report to be made under the change he took the liberty to supply this deficiency by embracing those subjects among the aggregates to be returned. This form is submitted for approval; if approved, a change in the by-law will be necessary.

The returns received conform to the blanks sent out, but are in many instances deficient in important particulars. At this time I am not able from the materials in hand to prepare any thing like a satisfactory or reliable table of the condition of the Order, but hope to do so in the Revised Journal of the session.

From these reports and the general correspondence of the office, I respectfully submit the following general statement of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction:

*British North America.*—Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition, especially in Canada West and in the Lower Provinces; in Canada East it has languished for a time past, but has recently been inspired with new vigor and life, and may confidently be expected in time to re-occupy its former healthful position.

The entire jurisdiction has been visited during the recess, under an order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and a particular and special report in reference thereto may be expected from the M. W. Grand Sire.

Two Grand Lodges have been formed in British North America

during the year, the one in Canada West, the other in the Lower Provinces, at Halifax; both of which have entered upon their career under the most cheering auspices. Each of these Grand Bodies ha. chosen Grand Representatives, who will be present at the annual session. It affords me great pleasure to bear witness to the magnanimity and high sense of justice manifested by these Grand Bodies in the selections which they have respectively made for Grand Representatives. The brethren chosen, in addition to their individual personal worth, have, by a continued and persevering zeal in the cause of the Order, earned a just claim to so honorable a distinction.

*Michigan.*—I have had no particular intelligence from this State; but, from the demand for supplies required during the year, no doubt can exist as to the general prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction.

*Vermont.*—Late advices from the efficient D. D. Grand Sire of this district, Bro. James Mitchell, represent "that the Subordinates continue about as heretofore reported, generally in a healthful condition, progressing slowly, but steadily. The Encampments are not prosperous, many indulging the hope of a mergement of this branch with the Subordinates."

*Maine.*—The state of the Order in Maine, to use the language of the able Grand Secretary of the State, "continues in a sound condition; the rotten branches are falling off, but the body is yet full of life and vigor," except the Patriarchal branch.

*Massachusetts.*—Odd-Fellowship continues to maintain a *statu quo* in this Commonwealth, and occupies, as it deserves, an elevated position among the benevolent institutions of the State.

*New Hampshire.*—In this State there have been two hundred initiations during the past year, and a large increase of general revenue.—The Order is vigorous in the Subordinate work, but, as in Maine, the Encampment branch does not prosper.

*Rhode Island.*—Odd-Fellowship continues to prosper in this jurisdiction.

*Connecticut.*—The Order maintains a healthy existence in this jurisdiction. Three new Lodges have been formed during the year.

*Southern New York.*—Odd-Fellowship retrogrades in this formerly prosperous jurisdiction; during the past year the initiations having been 548, against a suspension list of 1,630. The cause of this falling off is in no wise attributable to the administration of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master has been most efficient in the performance of his duties, and, accompanied by the Grand Officers, has visited every Lodge in the city of New York. The decrease of the Order in this jurisdiction, although considerable, is not looked upon by the distinguished Grand Master as alarming. He regards the great number of suspensions "as a purification of the Order from the selfish, the indolent, and the unfit," and, confidently believes "that the time is not far distant when drains from that source will cease, and he shall be able to congratulate the brotherhood upon the not rapid but healthy extension of the circle of their influence."

*Northern New York.*—Prosperity prevails in the Order in this juris-

diction, although the annual report shows, as in the Southern jurisdiction, a falling off of membership and of lodges.

*New Jersey.*—The annual report from this State shows a slight falling off from the last report. The Order is, nevertheless, vigorous and highly effective.

*Pennsylvania.*—Eight new Lodges have been chartered in this State, making the number at this time 504; the number of members has slightly decreased from the last report; the general revenue has also somewhat decreased. The Order is, however, highly prosperous in both branches.

*Delaware.*—The Order in Delaware has had a creditable increase during the past year, and is represented as progressive.

*Maryland.*—Two new Lodges have been established in this State, and thirteen hundred members have been initiated during the past year; nevertheless there appears by the annual report to be a diminution in the aggregate number of contributing members and of general revenue. Odd-Fellowship is no where more prosperous than in this ancient jurisdiction.

*District of Columbia.*—Odd-Fellowship maintains itself in this District; is prosperous and effective, although it does not increase in members.

*Virginia.*—The annual report exhibits a slight decrease in initiations, membership, and revenue; private advices, however, represent the Order as highly effective and healthful.

*North Carolina.*—This State has added three new Lodges to the number reported for 1854, and reports no diminution in membership, yet in the item of revenue an incredible falling off, being, for the year 1855, the sum of $1,800 against the sum of $13,393 for the year 1854. This exhibit is clearly an error, either of figures, or from a misapprehension of the particular revenue required to be reported. It is not improbable that the revenue of the Grand Lodge itself has been reported, instead of the aggregate revenue of all the Subordinates The Order is strong and increasing in the State.

*South Carolina.*—I regret to report that a stern necessity has compelled the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to expel one of her Subordinates during the past year; otherwise this jurisdiction maintains her former fair standing in the community.

*Georgia.*—The annual report from this State does not exhibit quite so prosperous a condition of the Order as the report for 1854, but it nevertheless shows the existence of a sound and highly effective condition. The advance of Odd-Fellowship in the South, has been slow, compared with other sections of our jurisdiction, yet always healthful and substantial. The Southern section of our fraternity contains amongst its constituency brethren whose names and fame in the Order are deservedly cherished, and to whose talents, influence, and enlightened counsels the Order at large owes a lasting obligation.

*Florida.*—The Grand Lodge of Florida has formed one new Lodge during the past year. The Grand Secretary of the State, under date

of the 18th ultimo, informs me "that although the Subordinates increase slowly the Order is in a healthy condition."

*Mississippi.*—The most excellent and efficient Grand Secretary of this State, John B. Dicks, whom I cherish as among the most valuable correspondents of the Corresponding Secretary, writes under date of the 14th ultimo: "I feel gratified, in comparing the present with the last annual report, that there is a decided improvement in every item; during the year eight new Lodges have been formed, and with a few exceptions all the old Lodges are doing well. Harmony and good feeling exist with all the Lodges."

*Alabama.*—I am without advice from this State, and as yet without the annual report.

*Louisiana.*—The annual report of Louisiana shows that the Order has about maintained itself during the past year. Odd-Fellowship is vigorous in this jurisdiction, and occupies an elevated position among the benevolent institutions of the community. Amid the desolating and mournful scenes enacted by the fell disease which annually visits its great metropolis, the spirit of Odd-Fellowship walks abroad, bearing in its open and outstretched hand unction and healing for the down-stricken, ministering comfort and consolation to the dying, and supplying decent burial for the dead.

*Missouri.*—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Missouri has been received, which exhibits a steady and healthful progress of the Order in that jurisdiction. Eleven new Lodges have been organized during the year, and a large accession of members has also been made. I tender my acknowledgments to the efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Isaac M. Veitch, for his prompt and valuable aid to this office in facilitating despatches to and from the jurisdiction of New Mexico.

*Illinois.*—The Order is vigorous in Illinois, and, although the annual report is not in at this time, I am authorized to say that our course is onward in that great State.

*Indiana.*—In this large and prosperous jurisdiction the Order continues to progress, and if the increase has not been so great as in the past year, it has nevertheless been solid and substantial. At the late semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge, held at Indianapolis, charters were granted for seven new Lodges. There are now at healthful and active work one hundred and sixty-four Lodges in the State. The degree of Rebekah was conferred, during the year, upon three hundred and ninety-eight ladies. The Encampment branch is highly prosperous, numbering under its jurisdiction fourteen hundred and sixty-one members.

*Ohio.*—The efficient and prompt Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction writes under date of the 1st September, as follows: "Our report will not show a very great increase over the preceding year. This is mainly owing to the depressed state of the times. Some thirty Lodges have been instituted since the first of March, none of which report. Altogether the Order in Ohio is very sound, and never was more healthy—harmony and good feeling prevailing throughout the entire Brotherhood."

*Kentucky.*—One hundred and twenty-two Lodges under this jurisdiction are reported in the annual return, being an increase during the year of twenty-two. There is also an increase of five hundred members over the last annual report, and a decrease in initiations and general revenue. The Order continues to be highly prosperous in Kentucky.

*Tennessee.*—Grand Secretary R. H. Barry, of this State, under date of the 19th of May, 1855, writes that "the prospects of the Order never were brighter in Tennessee than at this time. We have several applications for new charters, and the old Lodges, so far as I can learn, are all prospering."

*Arkansas.*—The semi-annual reports of Fort Smith Encampment of Arkansas have been received, which do not show a prosperous condition of that branch of the Order; in reference to which the Scribe writes, under date of August 2d, that "very little interest is taken in the Encampment, and it is hoped that the two branches will be merged at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States." Deputy Grand Sire William S. Davis informs me that "the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is flourishing, although it labors under many disadvantages."

*Wisconsin.*—Bro. S. J. Langworthy, the efficient Grand Secretary of Wisconsin, writes that it gives him "great pleasure to state that the Order in that jurisdiction, though not rapidly extending in membership, is moving steadily forward in good progress, its principles being faithfully advocated and its beneficent workings becoming daily more apparent."

*Iowa.*—The annual report from this State shows an increase over last year of nineteen Lodges, over six hundred members, and of over five thousand dollars in the general revenue. There are now ninety-four Lodges in Iowa, and a constituency of two thousand six hundred and thirty-seven members. The Order is destined in this jurisdiction to keep pace with its rapidly increasing population.

*Texas.*—Odd-Fellowship in Texas is highly prosperous, and I am indebted to Bro. Grand Secretary E. P. Hunt for regular and most interesting advices from that State. The Patriarchal Branch desires "a speedy and final settlement of the question of mergement, as in their opinion the sooner it is finally put to rest the one way or the other, the better it will be for the welfare of that branch of the Order."

*California.*—California reports forty-two working Lodges, with a constituency of seventeen hundred and forty-six members, which is an increase during the year of fourteen Lodges and of four hundred and fifty members. There is also a small increase in the general revenue. The Order prospers in both branches. A communication from the Grand Lodge has been received, asking special legislation upon the subject of the eligibility of suspended or expelled members from other States for the non-payment of dues, so as to facilitate their admission to the Order in that State. The paper is elaborately written, and presents the subject in a clear and concise manner. It is herewith submitted.

*Minnesota.*—The annual report from this district is not yet received. From D. D. G. Sire B. W. Bronson I learn that the Encampment under his supervision is in a languishing condition. The Grand Lodge jurisdiction is believed to be prosperous.

*Sandwich Islands.*—There are two Lodges and one Encampment in this jurisdiction, under the supervision of D. D. G. Sire R. A. S. Moore, who writes that "the Order is slowly but steadily prospering. The new initiates are all men that we have known for years here, and the community is beginning to look on our Order as something better than they formerly did."

*Oregon.*—In this Territory there are four subordinate Lodges in successful work, under the care of D. D. G. Sire E. M. Barnum, who informs me, under date of May 25, 1855, that "the Lodges under his jurisdiction are enjoying each a good degree of prosperity, although the universal hard times affect them alike with all other affairs or associations of men." An application for a Grand Lodge has been received which is herewith presented.

*New Mexico.*—In this jurisdiction there are two Subordinate Lodges, and two Encampments have also been chartered. The Lodges, Montezuma, No. 1, and Paradise, No. 2, are in prosperous circumstances; so also is Ridgely Encampment, No. 1. These bodies have each reported and transmitted their dues. Wah-a-toy-a Encampment, No. 2, was chartered, located in the vicinity of Fort Union, and was duly instituted by brother Horace Brooks on the 1st January, 1855. The members of this Camp belonged to Bugle Lodge, No. 3, which was at work at the time of their application. Bugle Lodge having broken up and made a surrender of its charter, the parties applied for a charter for a new Lodge. The Grand Sire declined to accept the surrender of the charter of Bugle Lodge. Under these circumstances the Encampment suspended its functions for the time, to await the adjustment of the question whether Bugle Lodge should reorganize or a new charter could be obtained. Upon this subject the Grand Sire will fully report. I regret to say that difficulties of a serious nature exist in New Mexico, which have brought the Lodge and the D. D. G. Sire in conflict. Communications from the Lodge and also from the D. D. G. Sire have been received, which are annexed.

*Nebraska.*—An application was received on the 7th day of March, 1855, for a warrant for a Lodge, to be called Nebraska, No. 1, to be located at Nebraska City. This application, being in conformity with law, was granted, and a special deputation was issued to Bro. Charles F. Holly, of Mo., to institute the Lodge. That brother performed the duty assigned to him on the 28th May, 1855. His report represents the Lodge as "having entered upon its career under unusually flattering prospects."

*Washington Territory.*—A warrant was issued for Olympia Lodge, No. 1, of Olympia, Washington Territory. The warrant was forwarded on the 10th April, 1855, entrusted to C. C. Hewitt, as special deputy. No report has yet been received from him.

It will appear, from this brief summary of the state of the Order, that

for the most part, looking to the Annual Reports as a guide, it has fallen off during the past year as a whole. In the opinion of the undersigned such is, however, not the fact, for the reason that in analyzing the reports, to some extent he has found them unreliable and inaccurate. In several instances Subordinate Lodges have not reported to their Grand Lodges; in other instances the annual report shows in the aggregate footings a falling off, when the material or details which form the aggregate show an increase. In view of these defects in some of the annual reports, and the newness of the system adopted by which Grand Secretaries are required only to report "aggregates," the undersigned doubts whether there has, in fact, been any diminution in the numerical strength of the Order. It would not, however, be remarkable if such were the fact, since the difficulties of the times, the scarcity of money, and the high price of the necessaries of life during the past year have served to check to a considerable degree the progress of all enterprise. It is respectfully suggested that the Committee on Returns be required to analyze carefully the annual reports, as accurate opinions on this subject are highly desirable. The Report of the Committee on Returns now merely embraces an inquiry into the form of the Return: if found conformable to the form prescribed by law, it is approved. The opportunity is now afforded of carrying inquiries into the substance of the annual reports to an analysis of their details, by which light may be had upon the important subject of the health of the Lodges and of the proper ratio of "dues and benefits."

Warrants have been issued during the year as follows:

FOR GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge for the Lower Provinces of British North America, located at Halifax.
Grand Lodge for Canada West, located at Brockville.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Olympia, Washington Territory.
Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
Phœnix Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, Canada East.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Walker Encampment, No. 5, Washington, Arkansas.

These applications, together with the returns as far as received, are herewith presented.

As required by the several laws regulating this department, the following statement exhibits "the receipts of this office, from what source, and for what object," during the fiscal year 1854–55. A supplementary table will be submitted during the session, showing the further receipts of the Corresponding Secretary from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive. The several amounts, in obedience to the provision on that subject, have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Sec'ry for the fiscal year* 1854–5.

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854. Sept. 11, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas | Cards. | $12 50 | 1 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 100 00 | 1 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 50 00 | 1 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 10 00 | 2 |
| Oct. 4, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 100 00 | 2 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Virginia | " | 50 00 | 2 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts | " | 50 00 | 3 |
| Nov. 3, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 50 00 | 4 |
| Dec. 11, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 100 00 | 7 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 10 00 | 8 |
| 1855. Jan. 11, | Grand Lodge of Maine | " | 9 40 | 8 |
| " 12, | Grand Encampment of Ohio | " | 20 00 | 8 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York | " | 80 00 | 9 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Virginia | " | 64 00 | 9 |
| " 29, | Grand Encampment of Ohio | " | 40 00 | 10 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Texas | " | 40 00 | 10 |
| Feb. 5, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 100 00 | 10 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 10 00 | 11 |
| " 7, | Ridgely Encampment of New Mexico | " | 2 50 | 11 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Minnesota | " | 10 00 | 11 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut | " | 50 00 | 11 |
| March 3, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 300 00 | 12 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 100 00 | 12 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts | " | 50 00 | 14 |
| " 15, | Excelsior Lodge of Sandwich Islands | " | 10 00 | 14 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas | " | 20 00 | 15 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 20 00 | 15 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York | " | 124 00 | 15 |
| April 2, | Grand Lodge of Maine | " | 7 00 | 16 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Virginia | " | 10 00 | 16 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 2 50 | 18 |
| May 4, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 100 00 | 18 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi | " | 50 00 | 19 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee | " | 10 00 | 20 |
| June 4, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 50 00 | 21 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 50 00 | 22 |
| July 17, | Grand Encampment of Delaware | " | 10 00 | 24 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey | " | 100 00 | 25 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 100 00 | 25 |
| " 28, | Grand Lodge of Maine | " | 18 80 | 26 |
| Aug. 1, | Grand Lodge of Maryland | " | 150 00 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York | " | 150 00 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas | " | 80 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky | " | 170 00 | 26 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 100 00 | 28 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Iowa | " | 100 00 | 29 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of California | " | 30 00 | 29 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of Georgia | " | 5 00 | 29 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Georgia | " | 14 50 | 29 |
| Sept. 3, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts | " | 50 00 | 31 |
| | | | $2861 00 | |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854. Sept. 7, | Grand Lodge of Minnesota | Balance. | $110 00 | 1 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas | " | 50 00 | 1 |
| 1855. July 23, | Grand Lodge of Florida | " | 50 00 | 24 |
| Aug. 27, | Grand Lodge of Iowa | " | 56 25 | 29 |
| | | | $266 25 | |
| 1854. Sept. 8, | Grand Encampment of Mississippi | Books. | $1 00 | 1 |
| " 8, | Anson Jones, of Texas | " | 1 00 | 1 |
| " 8, | Wm. English, of Pennsylvania | " | 4 00 | 1 |
| " 8, | Henry Lambert, of Pennsylvania | " | 10 00 | 1 |
| " 8, | E. J. Carpenter, of Vermont | " | 1 00 | 1 |
| " 9, | P. C. Smith, of Alabama | " | 2 00 | 1 |
| " 11, | E. P. Hunt, of Texas | " | 1 00 | 1 |
| " 11, | J. W. Pruett, of Kentucky | " | 3 00 | 1 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 10 00 | 1 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 38 00 | 1 |
| Oct. 4, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 115 00 | 2 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 4 00 | 2 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York | " | 6 50 | 3 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts | " | 7 00 | 3 |
| Nov. 2, | C. H. Dupuy, of Maryland | " | 1 00 | 4 |
| " 2, | L. F. Beeler, of Virginia | " | 1 00 | 4 |
| " 2, | J. M. Mills, of Kentucky | " | 3 00 | 4 |
| " 4, | J. G. Moxey, of Pennsylvania | " | 1 00 | 5 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 90 00 | 5 |
| Dec. 6, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 56 00 | 6 |
| " 9, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire | " | 16 00 | 7 |
| " 11, | J. A. Sleppy, of Virginia | " | 1 00 | 7 |
| " 16, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 2 00 | 8 |
| 1855. Jan. 11, | Lanaconing Lodge, Maryland | " | 1 00 | 8 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 60 | 9 |
| " 22, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York | " | 120 00 | 9 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Virginia | " | 36 00 | 9 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Texas | " | 102 00 | 10 |
| Feb. 5, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania | " | 12 00 | 10 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 5 00 | 11 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut | " | 6 00 | 11 |
| " 19, | J. A. Sleppy, of Virginia | " | 6 00 | 12 |
| March 3, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 414 00 | 12 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 20 00 | 12 |
| " 5, | Ridgely Encampment of New Mexico | " | 6 00 | 13 |
| " 12, | Gratitude Lodge of Maryland | " | 1 00 | 14 |
| " 13, | Alfred Mudge, of Massachusetts | " | 10 00 | 14 |
| " 15, | Grand Encampment of Ohio | " | 60 00 | 14 |
| " 15, | Excelsior Lodge of Sandwich Islands | " | 8 00 | 14 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 100 00 | 14 |
| " 24, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 2 00 | 15 |
| " 26, | General Taylor Lodge of Maryland | " | 1 00 | 15 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York | " | 72 00 | 15 |
| " 30, | Grand Encampment of N. New York | " | 4 00 | 15 |
| April 2, | Grand Lodge of Maine | " | 8 00 | 16 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Ohio | " | 8 00 | 16 |
| " 12, | A. E. Glenn, of Ohio | " | 48 00 | 16 |
| " 13, | Grand Lodge of Virginia | " | 12 00 | 16 |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855. April 14, | Grand Lodge of Virginia | Books. | $20 00 | 16 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 70 00 | 17 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 44 50 | 18 |
| May 7, | B. B. Woodward, of Iowa | " | 1 00 | 19 |
| " 19, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 3 00 | 19 |
| " 19, | James Thorington, of Iowa | " | 1 00 | 19 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi | " | 49 00 | 19 |
| " 22, | A. E. Glenn, of Ohio | " | 6 00 | 19 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee | " | 48 00 | 20 |
| June 4, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 50 00 | 21 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania | " | 100 00 | 22 |
| " 30, | Turner & Gray, of Cincinnati | " | 7 00 | 23 |
| July 9, | A. E. Glenn, of Ohio | " | 6 00 | 23 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey | " | 80 00 | 25 |
| Aug. 1, | Grand Lodge of Maryland | " | 54 00 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York | " | 12 00 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas | " | 8 00 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky | " | 173 00 | 26 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky | " | 6 00 | 28 |
| " 20, | Grand Encampment of Delaware | " | 2 00 | 28 |
| " 20, | N. C. Nason, of Illinois | " | 10 00 | 28 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Iowa | " | 210 00 | 29 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of California | " | 56 00 | 29 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Georgia | " | 30 50 | 29 |
| " 30, | Henry De Laney, of Pennsylvania | " | 1 00 | 30 |
| " 30, | Grand Encampment of Virginia | " | 12 00 | 30 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut | " | 2 00 | 31 |
| Sept. 1, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico | " | 1 00 | 31 |
| | | | $2,600 10 | |
| 1854. Sept. 8, | By cash for one diploma | Diplomas. | $1 00 | 1 |
| Oct. 17, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York | " | 2 00 | 3 |
| " 27, | Warren Lodge of Maryland | " | 1 00 | 3 |
| Nov. 2, | John Dunker, of Ohio | " | 10 00 | 4 |
| 1855. Jan. 12, | John A. Thompson, of Maryland | " | 1 00 | 8 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Texas | " | 20 00 | 10 |
| Feb. 9, | Grand Lodge of Minnesota | " | 10 00 | 11 |
| April 13, | Baltimore City Lodge of Maryland | " | 1 00 | 16 |
| June 8, | Grand Lodge of Missouri | " | 12 00 | 21 |
| July 21, | John W. Treadway, of Maryland | " | 1 00 | 24 |
| Aug. 1, | Joshua Fletcher, of New York | " | 1 00 | 26 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi | " | 20 00 | 27 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of California | " | 24 00 | 29 |
| | | | $104 00 | |
| 1854. Sept. 9, | Fort Smith Encampment, Arkansas | Dues. | $10 40 | 1 |
| " 9, | Minnesota Encampment, Minnesota | " | 11 80 | 1 |
| Oct. 28, | Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon Ter'ry | " | 34 86 | 3 |
| Oct. 28, | Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon Ter'ry. | " | 47 37 | 3 |
| " 28, | Oregon Lodge, No. 3, Oregon Territory | " | 46 87 | 3 |
| 1855. Feb. 7, | Ridgely Encampment of New Mexico | " | 17 86 | 11 |
| " 7, | Paradise Lodge of New Mexico | " | 90 16 | 11 |
| " 10, | Montezuma Lodge of New Mexico | " | 49 75 | 11 |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855. Feb. 20, | Green Mountain Encampm't of Vermont | Dues. | $2 00 | 12 |
| " 20, | Ascutney Encampment of Vermont..... | " | 5 50 | 12 |
| Mar. 10, | Acadia Lodge of Nova Scotia..... | " | 28 75 | 13 |
| " 10, | Eastern Star Lodge of Nova Scotia..... | " | 9 50 | 13 |
| " 10, | Mamberton Encampment of Nova Scotia | " | 1 60 | 13 |
| " 15, | Polynesia Encampm't of Sandwich Islands | " | 71 07 | 14 |
| " 15, | Excelsior Lodge of Sandwich Islands.... | " | 114 00 | 14 |
| April 10, | Fort Smith Encampment of Arkansas... | " | 7 15 | 16 |
| June 27, | Minnesota Encampment, No. 1..... | " | 3 00 | 23 |
| Aug. 2, | Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico. | " | 25 00 | 26 |
| " 30, | Ascutney Encampment of Vermont..... | " | 2 00 | 30 |
| " 30, | Golden Gate Encampment of California.. | " | 57 75 | 30 |
| " 30, | Pacific Encampment of California..... | " | 58 09 | 30 |
| " 30, | Parker Encampment of California..... | " | 34 86 | 30 |
| Sept. 1, | Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, N. Mexico | " | 8 77 | 31 |
| " 1, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.... | " | 20 42 | 31 |
| " 3, | Cobequid Lodge, No. 34, L. Provinces.. | " | 1 50 | 31 |
| " 3, | Eastern Star Lodge, No. 33, L. Provinces | " | 14 20 | 31 |
| " 3, | Acadia Lodge, No. 26, Lower Provinces | " | 59 67 | 31 |
| " 3, | Mamberton Encamp't, No. 26, L. Provinces | " | 5 60 | 31 |
| | | | $739 40 | |
| 1854. Sept. 15, | Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Ter'ry | Charters. | $30 00 | 1 |
| 1855. Mar. 6, | Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, Nebraska Ter'ry | " | 30 00 | 13 |
| " 15, | Pacific Lodge, No. 2, Sandwich Islands.. | " | 30 00 | 14 |
| April 21, | Walker Encampment of Arkansas..... | " | 30 00 | 17 |
| Aug. 27, | Grand Encampment of California..... | " | 30 00 | 29 |
| | | | $150 00 | |
| 1854. Nov. 3, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ..... | Odes. | $30 00 | 4 |
| 1855. Jan. 29, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 1 50 | 10 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Texas ..... | " | 4 50 | 10 |
| March 3, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 90 00 | 12 |
| April 14, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 3 00 | 16 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 30 00 | 17 |
| " 30, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 3 00 | 18 |
| July 25, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey ..... | " | 15 00 | 25 |
| Aug. 1, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 9 00 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky..... | " | 24 00 | 26 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of California..... | " | 3 00 | 29 |
| | | | $213 00 | |
| 1855. July 9, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | Rep. Tax. | $100 00 | 23 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Delaware..... | " | 100 00 | 24 |
| " 23, | Grand Lodge of Florida..... | " | 50 00 | 24 |
| Aug. 1, | Grand Lodge of Maryland..... | " | 100 00 | 26 |
| " 2, | Grand Encampment of Delaware..... | " | 50 00 | 26 |
| " 3, | Grand Lodge of Kentucky ..... | " | 100 00 | 26 |
| " 10, | Grand Encampment of Kentucky..... | " | 50 00 | 27 |
| " 10, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... | " | 100 00 | 27 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.... | " | 100 00 | 27 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of New Jersey ..... | " | 100 00 | 28 |

*Statement Continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855. Aug. 15, | Grand Encampment of New Jersey..... | Rep. Tax. | $50 00 | 28 |
| " 25, | Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania..... | " | 100 00 | 28 |
| " 25, | Grand Encampment of S. New York.... | " | 50 00 | 29 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of Missouri..... | " | 50 00 | 29 |
| " 27, | Grand Lodge of Iowa..... | " | 100 00 | 29 |
| " 30, | Grand Encampment of Virginia..... | " | 100 00 | 30 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Missouri..... | " | 100 00 | 31 |
| " 31, | Grand Lodge of Connecticut..... | " | 100 00 | 31 |
| " 31, | Grand Encampment of Connecticut..... | " | 50 00 | 31 |
| Sept. 3, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 50 00 | 31 |
| | | | $1,600 00 | |
| 1855. Jan. 11, | Grand Lodge of Maine ..... | Miscella's. | 60 | 8 |
| " 20, | Grand Lodge of Ohio..... | " | 40 | 9 |
| March 5, | Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, N. Mexico | " | 1 15 | 13 |
| " 10, | D. G. Sire E. G. Fuller, of Halifax..... | " | 60 15 | 13 |
| May 7, | B. B. Woodward, of Iowa..... ..... | " | 21 | 19 |
| " 19, | James Thorington, of Iowa. ..... | " | 21 | 19 |
| " 21, | Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... ..... | " | 25 | 19 |
| July 28, | Grand Lodge of Maine ..... | " | 1 20 | 26 |
| Aug. 3, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas..... | " | 1 20 | 26 |
| " 27, | Grand Encampment of California..... | " | 1 00 | 29 |
| Sept. 1, | Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.... | " | 31 | 31 |
| " 3, | D. G. Sire E. G. Fuller, of Halifax..... | " | 8 75 | 31 |
| | | | $75 43 | |

The Corresponding Secretary has received and paid over during the year, up to and inclusive of the 3d of September, 1855, $8,609.18, which, with the sum of $12,976.33, the available fund at the close of the last session, arising from the balance in the Treasury, and the sale of State of Maryland stock, makes an aggregate of $21,585.51. This amount constitutes the fund in the Treasury up to the 3d day of September, 1855, to be increased by the further receipts between that date and the close of the present session, which I estimate at about $6,000, making, as the available revenue for the year 1854–5, the following exhibit:

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in the Treasury, session of 1854, including sale of State of Maryland stock..... | $12,976 33 |
| Receipts to 3d of September, 1855..... | 8,609 18 |
| Estimate receipts from September 3d to the close of the session..... | 6,000 00 |
| Total..... | $27,585 51 |

Upon this amount there has been charged by the Committee on Finance of the last session, appropriations amounting to $16,706.50,

all of which have been paid, except the single item of $200 for a new card plate, not yet completed.

The subjoined tables will show the fiscal condition of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

## STATEMENT No. 1.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1854. Sept. 5, Cash balance in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States | $7,801 33 |
| Sale of Maryland State Stock | 5,175 00 |
| | $12,976 33 |
| Appropriations for mileage and per diem, as per report of committee | $10,660 50 |
| Salaries of officers | 2,100 00 |
| Rent of office, gas and fuel | 275 00 |
| Postage and office expenses | 350 00 |
| Daily Journal of the session | 450 00 |
| Daily Journal of the session revised and stereotyped | 900 00 |
| Printing and binding 1,000 Charge books in the English language | 200 00 |
| Printing and binding 300 Degree books in the German language | 120 00 |
| Paper and printing 60,000 cards | 675 00 |
| Stationery for Grand Secretary's office | 150 00 |
| New card plate | 200 00 |
| M. W. Grand Sire, to carry into effect the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, in visiting and giving instructions to the Lodges in British North America, or so much thereof as may be found necessary | 300 00 |
| To P. G. M. Jacob Mearis, for services | 10 00 |
| To P. G. William Carville Cunningham, for services | 16 00 |
| To Rep. Charles Wolford, of Kentucky, for diagrams | 275 00 |
| For enrolment of the Constitution on parchment, or so much as may be required thereof | 25 00 |
| | $16,706 50 |
| Deduct balance in Treasury, as above | 12,976 33 |
| Excess of appropriations | $3,730 17 |

## STATEMENT No. 2.

| *Estimated receipts by Committee on Finance.* | | *Actual sale and receipts to September* 10. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Representative tax on one hundred members at $50 | $5,000 00 | Representative tax | $5,100 00 |
| From State Grand Bodies | 953 24 | From State Grand Bodies | 953 26 |
| " Sale of books | 4,500 00 | Cards | 4,098 00 |
| " Sale of Revised Journal. | 300 00 | Books | 3,366 00 |
| " Sale of Index to same | 100 00 | Odes | 281 25 |
| " Sale of cards | 5,500 00 | Warrants | 150 00 |
| " Sale of odes | 300 00 | Diplomas | 150 00 |
| " Sale of diplomas | 150 00 | Revised Journal | 588 00 |
| " Sale of warrants | 180 00 | Index to Journal | 345 00 |
| Interest on stocks, six per cent. on $3,274.46 | 196 46 | Interest on stocks | 196 46 |
| Individual accounts | 100 00 | Miscellaneous | 145 41 |
| | | Individual accounts | 000 00 |
| | $17,279 70 | | $15,373 38 |
| | | Excess of appropriations over receipts | $1,906 32 |

Statement No. 1 shows the condition of the Treasury at the last session, with the specific appropriations charged upon it; and statement No. 2 shows the sale and receipts, in juxtaposition with the estimates of the Committee on Finance.

From these exhibits it will appear that the appropriations of the session of 1854, exceeded the actual balance in the Treasury by the sum of $3,730.17, which amount was necessarily chargeable upon the receipts of the year 1855; and that the whole sales and revenue of 1855, if actually in hand, cannot exceed $15,373.38. From this amount the deficit of the year 1854 being deducted, viz: $1,906.32, will leave the sum of $13,467.06 applicable at the present session of the Grand Lodge, which will fall below the estimate of the expenses of that body in the sum of $2,300, or thereabouts, to meet which there remains in the hands of the Treasurer a bond of the State of Maryland for $3,274.46. The application of this stock will leave the Grand Lodge clear of all accumulated fund, and dependent wholly upon her annual revenue.

The receipts into the Treasury have fallen short of the estimate of the committee, owing in a very great measure to the pressure of the times during the past year, which have evidently operated to check the ordinary progress of the Order.

The stock account and statement of supplies sold during the year, showing the cost and nett profit, together with the receipts after the close of this report, will be submitted in a supplementary report during the session.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand C. and R. Sec'ry.*

*Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary,*
BALTIMORE, Sept. 12, 1855.

The above report, on motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, was referred to the same committee to whom the Grand Sire's report had been referred, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein reported to appropriate committees.

At a subsequent period of the session the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, begs very respectfully to submit the annexed supplementary statement of the receipts of his office since the close of his regular annual report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report up to and inclusive of the session.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855.Sept. 4, | Grand Encampment of North Carolina... | Rep. Tax. | $50 00 | 32 |
| " 6, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | " | 100 00 | 32 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Vermont ..... | " | 100 00 | 32 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of Rhode Island..... | " | 50 00 | 32 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina..... | " | 100 00 | 33 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of Alabama ..... | " | 100 00 | 33 |
| " 8, | Grand Encampment of Alabama..... | " | 50 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Texas.. ..... | " | 100 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Texas..... | " | 50 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana..... | " | 100 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Louisiana..... | " | 50 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 100 00 | 34 |
| " 12, | Grand Lodge of Virginia..... | " | 100 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 100 00 | 35 |
| " 15, | Grand Encampment of Georgia..... | " | 50 00 | 35 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts..... | " | 100 00 | 35 |
| " 15, | Grand Encampment of Massachusetts. . | " | 100 00 | 35 |
| " 15, | Grand Encampment of California ..... | " | 50 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of Maine ..... | " | 50 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. | " | 100 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of California..... | " | 100 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee..... | " | 100 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of Tennessee..... | " | 50 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Georgia..... | " | 100 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of Dis. of Columbia. | " | 50 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of Rhode Island .... | " | 50 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of Wisconsin..... | " | 50 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of New Hampshire.. | " | 50 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of New Hampshire..... | " | 100 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of South Carolina... | " | 50 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Arkansas ..... | " | 50 00 | 37 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of Mississippi..... | " | 50 00 | 38 |
| " 17, | Grand Encampment of N. New York.... | " | 100 00 | 39 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 100 00 | 39 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin ..... | " | 100 00 | 40 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Maine ..... | " | 100 00 | 40 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Minnesota..... | " | 50 00 | 40 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York.... | " | 100 00 | 40 |
| | | | $3150 00 | |
| Sept. 6, | Grand Lodge of Michigan..... | Cards. | 70 00 | 32 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Vermont..... | " | 50 00 | 32 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Texas..... | " | 40 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Maryland..... | " | 10 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | $50 00 | 34 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Ohio..... | " | 40 00 | 35 |
| " 15, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York.... | " | 50 00 | 35 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of California ..... | " | 40 00 | 36 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... | " | 30 00 | 39 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin... ..... | " | 80 00 | 40 |
| | | | $460 00 | |

*Supplementary Statement, continued.*

| DATES. | LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE. | PURPOSE. | AMOUNT. | V. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 6, | Grand Lodge of Michigan | Books. | $113 00 | 32 |
| " 7, | Grand Lodge of Vermont | " | 31 00 | 32 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina | " | 125 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Texas | " | 98 00 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Encampment of Texas | " | 36 00 | 33 |
| " 14, | Grand Lodge of Southern New York | " | 20 00 | 34 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of California | " | 450 00 | 36 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 6 00 | 37 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Delaware | " | 25 | 37 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin | " | 99 40 | 40 |
| " 18, | Grand Encampment of Wisconsin | " | 50 00 | 40 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Minnesota | " | 29 00 | 40 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Northern New York | " | 2 00 | 40 |
| | | | $1059 65 | |
| Sept. 6, | Grand Lodge of Michigan | Odes. | 15 00 | 32 |
| " 8, | Grand Lodge of South Carolina | " | 4 50 | 33 |
| " 11, | Grand Lodge of Texas | " | 6 00 | 33 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Ohio | " | 2 25 | 35 |
| " 18, | Grand Lodge of Wisconsin | " | 7 50 | 40 |
| | | | $35 25 | |
| Sept. 17, | Fort Smith Encampment, Arkansas | Dues. | 6 67 | 37 |
| Sept. 11, | Grand Lodge of Texas | Miscella's. | 1 25 | 33 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of California | " | 51 54 | 36 |
| " 17, | D. D. Grand Sire Thomas Reynolds | " | 601 00 | 38 |
| | | | $653 79 | |
| Sept. 6, | Grand Lodge of Michigan | Diplomas. | 24 00 | 32 |
| " 14, | Grand Encampment of Ohio | " | 6 00 | 35 |
| | | | $30 00 | |
| Sept. 11, | Grand Lodge of Louisiana | Balance. | 125 00 | 33 |
| " 17, | Grand Lodge of Tennessee | " | 283 00 | 36 |
| | | | $408 00 | |

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE WILDEY ANNUITY, *from September* 2, 1854, *to September* 18, 1855.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1855. June 11, | Cash from Grand Lodge of Missouri | $40 00 |
| " Aug. 15, | Cash from Siloam Lodge, No. 2, of Mass. | 21 00 |
| " " 28, | Cash from Grand Lodge of Georgia | 40 00 |
| " Sept. 6, | Cash from Grand Lodge of Michigan | 50 00 |
| " " 6, | Cash from Grand Lodge of Maryland | 40 00 |
| " " 8, | Cash from Grand Lodge of South Carolina | 40 00 |
| | | $231 00 |

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

*Supplies on hand September 2d, 1854, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand.*

| | Cards. | Degree of Rebekah. | Charge Books. | Degree Books. | Grand Encampment Books. | Sub. Encampment Books. | Institution Books. | Grand Lodge Books. | Diplomas. | Odes. | Revised Journal. | Digested Index. | Forms for Degree Lodges. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| On hand Sept. 2, '54, | 8304 | 640 | 710 | 829 | 86 | 908 | 489 | 92 | 293 | 13391 | 527 | 1006 | 484 |
| Rec'd during the year | 60000 | 1000 | 1000 | 300 | .. | .... | ... | .. | ... | 1000 | ... | .... | 1000 |
| Total..... | 68304 | 1640 | 1710 | 1129 | 86 | 908 | 489 | 92 | 293 | 14391 | 527 | 1006 | 1484 |
| Sold dur'g the year. | 41785 | 394 | 819 | 474 | 11 | 160 | 49 | 1 | 204 | 9375 | 142 | 463 | 838 |
| On hand Sept. 17, '55 | 26519 | 1246 | 891 | 655 | 75 | 748 | 440 | 91 | 89 | 5016 | 385 | 543 | 646 |

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from Sept. 1st, 1854, to Sept. 1st, 1855, showing cost of articles, selling price, and profits.*

| Number of each article sold. | | Cost price. | Sold for. | Profits. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cards sold during the year, 41,785..... | | $469 08 | $4,178 50 | $3,709 42 |
| Diplomas sold during the year, 154.. | 204 | 51 00 | 154 00 | 103 00 |
| Diplomas G. Reps. per resolution, 50 | | | | |
| Degree of Rebekah books sold, .394..... | | 59 10 | 394 00 | 334 90 |
| Charge books sold,.....813 | 819 | 188 37 | 1,626 00 | 1,437 63 |
| Furnished new Lodges,.....6 | | | | |
| Degree books sold,.....468 | 474 | 132 20 | 936 00 | 803 08 |
| Furnished new Lodges,.....6 | | | | |
| Encampment books sold,.....160 | 166 | 48 00 | 308 00 | 260 00 |
| Furnished new Encampments,...6 | | | | |
| Odes sold, 9,375..... ..... | | 187 50 | 281 25 | 93 75 |
| Grand Lodge books to Canada West, .... | | 20 | | |
| Institution books sold,.....47 | 49 | 6 35 | 47 00 | 40 65 |
| Furnished D. D. G. Sires,.....2 | | | | |
| Forms for Degree Lodges, 838..... | | 8 38 | 16 75 | 8 37 |
| Grand Encampment books sold,....9 | 11 | | 9 00 | 9 00 |
| Furnished new Grand Encampm'ts, 2 | | | | |
| Revised Journal sold,.....103 | 142 | | 594 00 | |
| Per resolution G. L. U. S.....39 | | | | |
| Digested Index sold,.....365 | 463 | | 365 00 | |
| Per resolution G. L. U. S.....98 | | | | |
| | | | $8,909 40 | $6,800 52 |

## TOTAL RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Books | Statement | $2,600 10 |
| | Supplementary | 1,059 65 |
| Dues | Statement | 739 40 |
| | Supplementary | 6 67 |
| Diplomas | Statement | 104 00 |
| | Supplementary | 30 00 |
| Balances | Statement | 266 25 |
| | Supplementary | 408 00 |
| Odes | Statement | 213 00 |
| | Supplementary | 35 25 |
| Cards | Statement | 2,861 00 |
| | Supplementary | 460 00 |
| Miscellaneous | Statement | 75 43 |
| | Supplementary | 653 79 |
| Representation Tax | Statement | 1,600 00 |
| | Supplementary | 3,150 00 |
| Warrants | Statement | 150 00 |
| Amount of receipts | | $14,412 54 |

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1855.*

| LODGES. | No. of Lodges. | No. of initiations. | No. of rejections. | No. admitted by card. | No. withdrawn by card. | No. of reinstatements. | No. of suspensions. | No. of expulsions. | No. of deaths. | No. of members. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland... | 82 | 1237 | 187 | 165 | 180 | 108 | 792 | 22 | 179 | 13,332 |
| G. L. Massachusetts | 94 | 260 | 9 | 68 | 100 | 61 | 383 | 5 | 57 | 6958 |
| G. L. S. New York. | 168 | 548 | 22 | 231 | 283 | 70 | 1630 | 22 | 209 | 13,269 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania. | 504 | 5213 | 612 | 416 | 1079 | 371 | 3206 | 109 | 581 | 46,117 |
| G. L. D. of Columbia | 13 | 159 | 12 | 20 | 40 | 18 | 97 | 2 | 20 | 1363 |
| G. L. Delaware .... | 24 | 199 | 27 | 39 | 46 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 40 | 2164 |
| G. L. Ohio ..... | 290 | 2628 | 259 | 691 | 1178 | 83 | 148 | 573 | 232 | 18,972 |
| G. L. Louisiana.... | 35 | 386 | 46 | 108 | 186 | 38 | 215 | 46 | 71 | 2845 |
| G. L. New Jersey.. | 106 | 392 | 42 | 47 | 91 | 38 | 663 | 36 | 77 | 6790 |
| G. L. Kentucky... | 122 | 759 | 85 | 178 | 327 | 24 | 196 | 27 | 84 | 5556 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | 113 | 683 | 81 | 130 | 245 | 44 | 251 | 281 | 78 | 6820 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 166 | 1325 | 125 | 421 | 566 | 29 | 221 | 48 | 101 | 7696 |
| G. L. Mississippi... | 54 | 418 | 51 | 113 | 192 | 35 | 134 | 100 | 22 | 1808 |
| G. L. Missouri..... | 81 | 649 | 108 | 192 | 239 | 23 | 200 | 28 | 48 | 3365 |
| G. L. Illinois ..... | 184 | 1935 | 203 | 600 | 589 | 40 | 283 | 176 | 107 | 8308 |
| G. L. Alabama..... | 49 | 264 | 21 | 73 | 167 | 27 | 114 | 38 | 26 | 1555 |
| G. L. Connecticut.. | 65 | 117 | .... | 12 | 45 | 11 | 414 | 11 | 33 | 3136 |
| G. L. Texas..... | 51 | 385 | 77 | 114 | 129 | 6 | 52 | 15 | 19 | 1695 |
| G. L. South Carolina | 24 | 211 | 24 | 18 | 95 | 10 | 41 | 74 | 37 | 1871 |
| G. L. Tennessee* .. | 78 | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ... | .... | ..... |
| G. L. North Carolina | 48 | 189 | 37 | 21 | 97 | 10 | 55 | 40 | 21 | 1842 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 41 | 156 | 12 | 35 | 79 | 7 | 156 | 7 | 33 | 1368 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 46 | 71 | .... | 7 | 24 | .... | 156 | 2 | 19 | 2906 |
| G. L. Rhode Island. | 14 | 29 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 99 | 11 | 12 | 1045 |
| G. L. N. Hampshire. | 38 | 200 | 7 | 19 | 33 | 11 | 111 | 46 | 14 | 2034 |
| G. L. Michigan.... | 62 | 287 | 55 | 40 | 96 | 30 | 214 | 13 | 39 | 7257 |
| G. L. Wisconsin... | 83 | 590 | 76 | 123 | 180 | 29 | 141 | 115 | 14 | 3033 |
| G. L. Vermont..... | 25 | 101 | 10 | 7 | 42 | 4 | 113 | 5 | 7 | 1020 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 74 | 645 | 100 | 252 | 233 | 35 | 112 | 17 | 25 | 2637 |
| G. L. Arkansas.... | 12 | 88 | 16 | 23 | 28 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 415 |
| G. L. N. New York. | 485 | 2128 | 157 | 256 | 864 | 170 | 3443 | 66 | 178 | 20,074 |
| G. L. Florida ... . | 9 | 42 | 11 | 18 | 24 | 12 | 38 | 1 | 6 | 312 |
| G. L. California.... | 42 | 652 | 52 | 397 | 294 | 22 | 245 | 13 | 10 | 1940 |
| G. L. Minnesota... | 4 | 29 | 6 | 26 | 15 | 10 | 21 | 6 | 2 | 248 |
| G. L. Canada West. | 3 | 30 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 6 | .... | 1 | 115 |
| Canada East*..... | 12 | 175 | 22 | 8 | 10 | .... | 29 | 22 | 5 | 550 |
| New Mexico†..... | 1 | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... |
| Sandwich Island†... | 3 | 7 | .... | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .... | 38 |
| G. L. Low. Provinces | 2 | 11 | ... | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 32 |
| Oregon Territory... | 4 | 32 | .... | 32 | 10 | 1 | 2 | ... | .... | 114 |
| Wash'ton Territory‡ | 1 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... |
| Nebraska Territory‡ | 1 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | ... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... |
| | 3313 | 23,214 | 2554 | 4910 | 7819 | 1387 | 14,000 | 1989 | 2416 | 200,600 |

*No report. †One Lodge not reporting. ‡Just opened and no report due.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1855, *continued.*

| LODGES. | No. of brothers relieved. | No. of widowed families relieved. | Amount paid for the relief of brothers. | Amount paid for the relief of widowed families. | Amount paid for the education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland.... | 2557 | 241 | $37,430 80 | $20,098 95 | $3618 73 | $11,459 00 |
| G. L. Massachusetts | 546 | 56 | 12,929 83 | 3,820 45 | 61 00 | 1,798 25 |
| G. L. S. New York. | 1161 | 497 | 39,812 46 | 9,429 05 | 589 87 | 8,069 25 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania. | 6904 | 525 | 98,726 88 | 6,639 34 | 416 22 | 24,679 05 |
| G. L. D. of Columbia | 356 | 35 | 3,411 02 | 566 00 | 659 29 | 695 50 |
| G. L. Delaware..... | 307 | 9 | 4,214 75 | 302 48 | 44 50 | 1,280 50 |
| G. L. Ohio..... | 2636 | 240 | 36,923 00 | 4,071 38 | 76 25 | 7,100 15 |
| G. L. Louisiana.... | 337 | 52 | 8,456 47 | 3,839 90 | 40 00 | 4,279 60 |
| G. L. New Jersey.. | 922 | 76 | 14,109 30 | 1,175 01 | 563 05 | 2,644 27 |
| G. L. Kentucky.... | 464 | 76 | 8,448 51 | 1,545 63 | 276 36 | 2,827 65 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | 929 | 90 | 11,677 61 | 1,934 72 | 1550 87 | 3,088 28 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 1312 | 42 | 16,281 76 | 505 94 | 841 94 | 4,417 03 |
| G. L. Mississippi... | 94 | 7 | 1,556 62 | 166 82 | 140 16 | 569 63 |
| G. L. Missouri..... | 262 | 58 | 4,527 38 | 2,711 32 | 1495 65 | 1,384 00 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | 625 | 61 | 7,733 46 | 1,398 53 | 175 50 | 2,122 91 |
| G. L. Alabama . .. | 149 | 27 | 2,643 37 | 893 00 | 192 85 | 957 00 |
| G. L. Connecticut.. | 356 | 16 | 5,017 48 | 491 39 | 9 16 | 815 00 |
| G. L. Texas ..... | 63 | 2 | 905 00 | 25 00 | 46 00 | 360 00 |
| G. L. South Carolina | 242 | 57 | 3,561 18 | 3,200 76 | 975 25 | 1,262 50 |
| G. L. Tennessee ... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. North Carolina | 175 | 6 | 1,531 47 | 119 55 | 239 50 | 395 00 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 162 | 12 | 2,017 80 | 514 00 | 46 00 | 857 10 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 192 | 12 | 4,404 00 | 196 00 | ..... | 425 00 |
| G. L. Rhode Island. | 96 | 21 | 2,051 54 | 690 14 | ..... | 475 00 |
| G. L. N. Hampshire | 143 | 3 | 2,689 12 | 75 00 | 30 00 | 210 00 |
| G. L. Michigan .... | 190 | 24 | 3,465 50 | 602 99 | ..... | 642 50 |
| G. L. Wisconsin.... | 89 | 11 | 1,110 15 | 144 24 | 27 71 | 289 25 |
| G. L. Vermont..... | 80 | 8 | 1,086 97 | 209 00 | ..... | 270 00 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 186 | 14 | 1,900 00 | 338 00 | 57 00 | 611 50 |
| G. L. Arkansas..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. N. New York. | 1883 | 157 | 27,661 84 | 3,288 73 | 222 17 | 4,756 58 |
| G. L. Florida..... | 31 | 3 | 527 00 | 121 75 | 33 45 | 220 00 |
| G. L. California.... | 140 | 8 | 6,472 85 | 798 34 | 37 25 | 680 00 |
| G. L. Minnesota ... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Low. Provinces | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| G. L. Canada West. | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Canada East..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New Mexico..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sandwich Islands... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Oregon Territory. . | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wash'gton Territory | . ... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Nebraska Territory . | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 23,589 | 2446 | $373,385 12 | $69,913 41 | $12,465 73 | $89,650 51 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1855, *continued.*

| LODGES. | Amount of money in the treasury. | Amount of widows and orphans funds. | Amount of investments. | Amount of the annual receipts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland | | | | $91,203 42 |
| G. L. Massachusetts | | | | 32,280 47 |
| G. L. S. New York | | | | 95,328 50 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania | | | | 227,934 89 |
| G. L. D. of Columbia | $1887 82 | $1,302 89 | $14,722 10 | 8,875 60 |
| G. L. Delaware | 17,310 83 | 2,628 16 | 6,500 78 | 11,231 27 |
| G. L. Ohio | 36,884 07 | 18,509 44 | 106,922 41 | 115,606 79 |
| G. L. Louisiana | 9,581 59 | 10,796 04 | 40,154 50 | 41,878 79 |
| G. L. New Jersey | 10,327 31 | 15,516 64 | 43,471 16 | 38,026 83 |
| G. L. Kentucky | 18,897 51 | 40,402 37 | 45,875 66 | 41,947 72 |
| G. L. Virginia | | | | 29,990 49 |
| G. L. Indiana | | 44,627 60 | | |
| G. L. Mississippi | 7,985 21 | 1,024 52 | 9,328 95 | 18,331 75 |
| G. L. Missouri | 25,769 40 | 2,169 30 | 33,882 56 | 31,331 55 |
| G. L. Illinois | | | | 59,089 90 |
| G. L. Alabama | 18,980 84 | 20,757 82 | | 17,451 53 |
| G. L. Connecticut | 48,757 37 | | | 17,932 64 |
| G. L. Texas | 10,490 87 | | 10,462 43 | 18,420 41 |
| G. L. South Carolina | | | | 9,046 69 |
| G. L. Tennessee | | | | |
| G. L. North Carolina | 900 00 | | | 1,800 00 |
| G. L. Georgia | | | | 7,824 26 |
| G. L. Maine | 37,393 00 | 5,691 00 | 30,000 00 | 6,658 00 |
| G. L. Rhode Island | | | | 302 00 |
| G. L. N. Hampshire | | | | 8,620 74 |
| G. L. Michigan | | | | 11,658 28 |
| G. L. Wisconsin | 7,642 29 | 3,141 50 | 5,960 20 | 14,564 98 |
| G. L. Vermont | | | | 3,591 70 |
| G. L. Iowa | | | | 18,596 89 |
| G. L. Arkansas | 300 00 | | | 387 93 |
| G. L. N. New York | 95,031 47 | 35,297 96 | 85,566 98 | 98,156 58 |
| G. L. Florida | 452 75 | | | 3,102 74 |
| G. L. California | 6,193 82 | 3,045 94 | 19,931 00 | 57,099 85 |
| G. L. Minnesota | | | | 1,373 00 |
| G. L. Low. Provinces | | | | 753 70 |
| G. L. Canada West | | | | 1,315 60 |
| Canada East | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | 1,323 58 |
| Sandwich Islands | | | | 817 69 |
| Oregon Territory | | | | 2,277 19 |
| Wash'gton Territory | | | | |
| Nebraska Territory | | | | |
| | $354,786 15 | $204,911 19 | $451,778 73 | $1,147,133 95 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the I. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1855.

| ENCAMPMENTS. | No. of Subordinates. | No. of initiations. | No. of rejections. | No. admitted by card. | No. withdrawn by card. | No. of reinstatements. | No. of suspensions and cause. | No. of expulsions and cause. | No. of deaths. | No. of members. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. E. Maryland..... | 11 | 101 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 52 | .... | 17 | 1503 |
| G. E. Pennsylvania..... | 95 | 528 | 13 | 41 | 95 | 26 | 239 | 6 | 44 | 5875 |
| G. E. S. New York..... | 18 | 48 | .... | 4 | 14 | 4 | 112 | .... | 6 | 660 |
| G. E. Ohio..... | 63 | 457 | 13 | 75 | 95 | 10 | 28 | 69 | 41 | 3807 |
| G. E. New Jersey..... | 18 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 45 | .... | 6 | 504 |
| G. E. Virginia..... | 32 | 112 | 8 | 17 | 29 | 1 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 1256 |
| G. E. South Carolina.... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| G. E. Massachusetts ... | 20 | 55 | .... | 4 | 10 | 6 | 24 | 1 | 9 | 1132 |
| G. E. Kentucky..... | 28 | 55 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 4 | 42 | 4 | 3 | 724 |
| G. E. Maine..... | 11 | 6 | .. | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .... | 329 |
| G. E. New Hampshire .. | 8 | 25 | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 3 | .... | 2 | 281 |
| G. E. Mississippi..... | 11 | 98 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 262 |
| G. E. Dis. of Columbia.. | 5 | 22 | .... | 1 | 6 | .... | 16 | 1 | 2 | 348 |
| G. E. Tennessee..... | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| G. E. North Carolina.... | 11 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 4 | .... | .... | ... | 1 | 328 |
| G. E. Georgia..... | 9 | 24 | .... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 5 | 184 |
| G. E. Louisiana..... | 9 | 53 | .... | 3 | 31 | 2 | 39 | 2 | 13 | 546 |
| G. E. Alabama..... | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| G. E. Indiana..... | 44 | 251 | 8 | 30 | 48 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 20 | 1549 |
| G. E. Michigan..... | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| G. E. Rhode Island..... | 6 | 3 | .... | .... | 1 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 284 |
| G. E. Delaware..... | 7 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .... | 7 | .... | 2 | 371 |
| G. E. Connecticut..... | 12 | 29 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 39 | .... | 1 | 336 |
| G. E. N. New York..... | 72 | 182 | 7 | 17 | 47 | 12 | 222 | 1 | 6 | 1438 |
| G. E. Illinois..... | 25 | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| G. E. Missouri..... | 16 | 57 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 5 | 426 |
| G. E. Iowa..... | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| G. E. Texas..... | 11 | 56 | .... | 1 | 11 | .... | .... | 1 | 3 | 147 |
| G. E. California..... | 6 | 65 | .... | 32 | 12 | .... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 239 |
| G. E. Wisconsin..... | 10 | 62 | .... | 1 | 32 | .... | 17 | 17 | 2 | 308 |
| Arkansas,*..... | 5 | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 23 |
| Vermont..... | 2 | 20 | .... | .... | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 104 |
| Florida†..... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| Minnesota‡..... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 |
| New Mexico‡..... | 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 21 |
| Sandwich Island‡..... | 1 | 24 | 1 | 2 | ... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 24 |
| Lower Provinces, B.N.A. | 1 | 6 | .... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 32 |
| | 630 | 2429 | 76 | 269 | 539 | 101 | 981 | 137 | 206 | 23,081 |

*Only one Camp reported. †No report. ‡One report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1855, continued.*

| ENCAMPMENTS. | No. of Patriarchs relieved. | No. of widowed families relieved. | Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs. | Amount paid for the relief of widowed families. | Amount paid for the education of orphans. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. E. Maryland | 307 | 10 | $4,665 87 | $1,183 00 | |
| G. E. Pennsylvania | 785 | 13 | 11,114 43 | 384 25 | |
| G. E. S. New York | 62 | 1 | 1,056 50 | 10 00 | |
| G. E. Ohio | 501 | 8 | 6,404 54 | 111 25 | |
| G. E. New Jersey | 12 | | 301 14 | | |
| G. E. Virginia | 138 | 6 | 1,635 00 | 219 50 | |
| G. E. South Carolina | | | | | |
| G. E. Massachusetts | 77 | 3 | 1,391 35 | 37 00 | |
| G. E. Kentucky | 52 | | 476 50 | | |
| G. E. Maine | 8 | | 30 00 | | |
| G. E. New Hampshire | 13 | 1 | 110 00 | 10 00 | |
| G. E. Mississippi | 5 | | 33 00 | | |
| G. E. Dis. of Columbia | 54 | | 509 00 | | |
| G. E. Tennessee | | | | | |
| G. E. North Carolina | 4 | 50 | | | |
| G. E. Georgia | 17 | | 126 00 | | |
| G. E. Louisiana | 36 | | 441 50 | | |
| G. E. Alabama | | | | | |
| G. E. Indiana | 174 | 2 | 1,623 60 | 392 00 | |
| G. E. Michigan | | | | | |
| G. E. Rhode Island | 5 | | 24 83 | | |
| G. E. Delaware | 54 | | 646 00 | | |
| G. E. Connecticut | 6 | 1 | 124 00 | 15 00 | |
| G. E. N. New York | 64 | 3 | 727 75 | 60 00 | 10 00 |
| G. E. Illinois | | | | | |
| G. E. Missouri | 10 | 1 | 129 00 | 20 00 | |
| G. E. Iowa | | | | | |
| G. E. Texas | | | | | |
| G. E. California | 7 | | 125 00 | | |
| G. E. Wisconsin | | | 51 00 | | |
| Arkansas | | | | | |
| Vermont | | | | | |
| Florida | | | | | |
| Minnesota | | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | | |
| Sandwich Islands | | | | | |
| Lower Provinces, B.N.A. | | | | | |
| | 2391 | 99 | $31,746 01 | $2,442 00 | $10 00 |

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1855, continued.*

| ENCAMPMENTS. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Amount of money in the treasury. | Amount of widows and orphans funds. | Amount of investments. | Amount of the annual receipts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. E. Maryland | $815 00 | | | | $9404 00 |
| G. E. Pennsylvania | 2523 50 | $24,332 10 | $712 33 | $25,550 12 | 35,260 51 |
| G. E. S. New York | 155 00 | | | | 3077 47 |
| G. E. Ohio | 515 00 | 10,756 42 | 42 12 | 12,943 34 | 16,057 82 |
| G. E. New Jersey | 60 00 | | | | 959 72 |
| G. E. Virginia | 190 00 | | | | 4064 00 |
| G. E. South Carolina | | | | | |
| G. E. Massachusetts | 98 62 | | | | 3576 82 |
| G. E. Kentucky | | | | | 2262 96 |
| G. E. Maine | | | | 2000 00 | 588 00 |
| G. E. New Hampshire | | | | | |
| G. E. Mississippi | 60 00 | | | | 2492 26 |
| G. E. Dis. of Columbia | 71 20 | | | | 1176 43 |
| G. E. Tennessee | | | | | |
| G. E. North Carolina | | | | | 396 21 |
| G. E. Georgia | 20 00 | | | | 672 23 |
| G. E. Louisiana | 112 00 | 986 22 | | 3220 00 | 2940 45 |
| G. E. Alabama | | | | | |
| G. E. Indiana | | | | | |
| G. E. Michigan | | | | | |
| G. E. Rhode Island | 20 00 | | | | 727 56 |
| G. E. Delaware | 145 00 | 8 23 | | | 140 00 |
| G. E. Connecticut | 15 00 | 2476 67 | | | 935 58 |
| G. E. N. New York | 53 00 | 3729 49 | | 3183 31 | 4049 70 |
| G. E. Illinois | | | | | |
| N. E. Missouri | | 963 53 | | 1935 57 | 1674 00 |
| N. E. Iowa | | | | | |
| G. E. Texas | 60 00 | 1148 09 | | 365 00 | 1074 88 |
| G. E. California | 50 00 | 895 52 | | 920 12 | 2594 28 |
| G. E. Wisconsin | | 757 00 | | | 1251 81 |
| Arkansas | | | | | 139 25 |
| Vermont | | | | | 95 12 |
| Florida | | | | | |
| Minnesota | | | | | 29 25 |
| New Mexico | | | | | 328 66 |
| Sandwich Islands | | | | | 582 50 |
| Lower Provinces, B.N.A. | | | | | 56 00 |
| | $4,963 32 | $46,073 37 | $754 45 | $50,117 46 | $96,607 47 |

The Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report, embracing the receipts and expenditures from the 6th September, 1854, to the 10th September, 1855, both dates inclusive:

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

| 1854. | TO CASH RECEIVED. | DR. |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 6, | To balance in Treasury, as per examination of the Finance Committee this day | $8,207 88 |
| | To product of $5,000 in State of Maryland Stock, sold under authority of resolution, Sept. 1854 | 5,175 00 |
| | To per diem returned by G. Rep. Bayley, of Maryland | 3 00 |
| | To interest received on State of Maryland Stock | 191 57 |
| | To gross amount of note of Grand Lodge United States, dated January 1, 1855, at four months, discounted at Chesapeake Bank of Baltimore, to meet current expenses | 1,000 00 |
| | To gross sum received from Grand Secretary Ridgely | 9,212 18 |
| | | $23,789 63 |

| 1854. | | BY CASH PAID. | CR. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 8, | No. 1, | E. P. Hunter, mileage and per diem | $22 00 |
| " 8, | No. 2, | J. W. Hale, mileage and per diem | 38 00 |
| " 8, | No. 3, | W. Ellison, mileage and per diem | 62 00 |
| " 8, | No. 4, | F. D. Mulford, mileage and per diem | 30 50 |
| " 8, | No. 5, | C. A. Tufts, mileage and per diem | 68 50 |
| " 8, | No. 6, | T. G. Senter, mileage and per diem | 68 00 |
| " 8, | No. 7, | Wm. Hopkins, mileage and per diem | 75 00 |
| " 8, | No. 8, | E. P. Banks, mileage and per diem | 70 00 |
| " 8, | No. 9, | C. H. Dennison, mileage and per diem | 50 00 |
| " 8, | No. 10, | W. A. Bell, mileage and per diem | 62 00 |
| " 8, | No. 11, | E. Whalin, mileage and per diem | 73 00 |
| " 8, | No. 12, | Anson Jones, mileage and per diem | 219 00 |
| " 8, | No. 13, | I. M. Veitch, mileage and per diem | 135 00 |
| " 9, | No. 14, | R. H. Clark, mileage and per diem | 29 50 |
| " 9, | No. 15, | E. W. Jones, mileage and per diem | 53 00 |
| " 9, | No. 16, | E. P. Hunt, mileage and per diem | 212 00 |
| " 9, | No. 17, | S. H. Bailey, mileage and per diem | 138 00 |
| " 9, | No. 18, | W. S. Steele, mileage and per diem | 68 00 |
| " 9, | No. 19, | M. Woodruff, mileage and per diem | 119 50 |
| " 9, | No. 20, | R. B. Boylston, mileage and per diem | 84 50 |
| " 9, | No. 21, | L. Jones, mileage and per diem | 22 00 |
| " 9, | No. 22, | R. C. Brown, mileage and per diem | 57 00 |
| " 9, | No. 23, | E. H. Fitzhugh, mileage and per diem | 56 00 |
| " 9, | No. 24, | E. C. Robinson, mileage and per diem | 38 00 |
| " 9, | No. 25, | L. J. Glenn, mileage and per diem | 106 00 |
| " 9, | No. 26, | J. N. Taylor, mileage and per diem | 39 50 |
| " 9, | No. 27, | R. H Barry, mileage and per diem | 125 00 |
| " 9, | No. 28, | G. W Day, mileage and per diem | 124 00 |
| " 9, | No. 29, | J. S. Hicks, mileage and per diem | 183 00 |
| " 9, | No. 31, | C. F. Wilstack, mileage and per diem | 91 50 |
| " 9, | No. 32, | P. C. Smith, mileage and per diem | 130 50 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sept | 9, No | 33, E. K. Woodward, mileage and per diem..... | $138 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 34, E. H. Barry, mileage and per diem..... | 97 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 35, N. B. Mountford, mileage and per diem..... | 38 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 36, I. A. Massey, mileage and per diem..... | 150 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 37, W. H. Tuthill, mileage and per diem..... | 204 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 38, J. Bridgman, mileage and per diem..... | 199 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 39, H. Bier, mileage and per diem..... | 167 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 40, J. G. Dunlap, mileage and per diem..... | 167 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 41, H. F. Askew, mileage and per diem..... | 25 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 42, J. W. Pruett, mileage and per diem..... | 113 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 43, F. M. Brown, mileage and per diem..... | 51 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 44, N. A. Thompson, mileage and per diem..... | 62 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 45, M. J. Durham, mileage and per diem..... | 115 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 46, G. W. Benedict, mileage and per diem..... | 47 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 47, P. L. Cunningham, mileage and per diem..... | 42 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 48, S. Craighead, mileage and per diem..... | 85 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 49, C. Wolford, mileage and per diem..... | 106 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 50, N. F. Deering, mileage and per diem..... | 73 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 51, J. W. Wheeler, mileage and per diem..... | 58 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 52, W. G. Williams, mileage and per diem ..... | 91 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 53, J. R. Edmonds, mileage and per diem..... | 17 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 54, I. D. Williamson, mileage and per diem..... | 150 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 55, J. M. Willey, mileage and per diem..... | 64 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 56, J. K. Connelly, mileage and per diem..... | 160 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 57, N. J. Bryson, mileage and per diem..... | 207 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 58, A. M. Foute, mileage and per diem..... | 212 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 59, J. E. Hyde, mileage and per diem..... | 109 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 60, A. S. Kellogg, mileage and per diem..... | 109 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 61, G. Warden S. H. Lewyt, per diem..... | 18 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 62, C. Billinghurst, mileage and per diem..... | 156 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 63, H. S. Austin, mileage and per diem..... | 182 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 64, J. S. Lewis, Jr., mileage and per diem..... | 70 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 65, A. M. Smith, mileage and per diem..... | 68 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 66, P. B. Long, mileage and per diem..... | 28 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 67, H. Lambert, mileage and per diem..... | 51 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 68, J. W. Hodgson, mileage and per diem..... | 22 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 69, D. Moss, mileage and per diem..... | 93 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 70, W. English, mileage and per diem..... | 28 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 71, W. P. Russel, mileage and per diem..... | 68 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 72, H. Eckel, mileage and per diem ..... | 25 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 73, J. A. Gyles, mileage and per diem..... | 89 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 74, P. Della Torre, mileage and per diem..... | 89 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 75, E. J. Carpenter, mileage and per diem..... | 74 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 76, D. Woolsey, mileage and per diem..... | 126 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 77, A. J. Lucas, mileage and per diem..... | 595 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 78, R. M. Johnson, mileage and per diem..... | 193 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 79, T. T. Smiley, mileage and per diem..... | 125 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 80, A. J. Langworthy, mileage and per diem..... | 150 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 81, J. M. Cassidy, mileage and per diem..... | 28 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 82, H. Steele, mileage and per diem..... | 69 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 83, J. W. Mickle, mileage and per diem ..... | 28 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 84, B. W. Brunson, mileage and per diem..... | 204 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 85, W. H. Lamberton, mileage and per diem..... | 62 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 86, A. Matthews, mileage and per diem..... | 172 50 |
| " | 9, No. | 87, M. Purden, mileage and per diem..... | 589 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 88, L. A. Gobright, mileage and per diem..... | 22 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 89, C. C. Cheney, mileage and per diem ..... | 158 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 90, A. Froment, mileage and per diem ..... | 38 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 91, H. L. Rucker, mileage and per diem ..... | 165 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 92, P. A. Hackleman, mileage and per diem..... | 93 00 |
| " | 9, No. | 93, G. Sire W. G. DeSaussure, mileage and per diem.. | 89 00 |

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| Sept. | 9, No. 94, | E. C. Granniss, mileage and per diem | $107 50 |
| " | 9, No. 95, | D. Wilkinson, mileage and per diem | 58 50 |
| " | 9, No. 96, | H. A. Manchester, mileage and per diem | 58 00 |
| " | 9, No. 97, | R. Marley, per diem | 18 00 |
| " | 9, No. 98, | J. C. Ninde, per diem | 18 00 |
| " | 9, No. 99, | James Young, per diem | 18 00 |
| " | 9, No. 100, | G. W. Race, mileage and per diem | 167 00 |
| " | 9, No. 101, | E. R. Banks, mileage and per diem | 3 00 |
| " | 11, No. 102, | J. G. Dunlap, for translation of work of the Order into the French language | 200 00 |
| " | 11, No. 103, | C. Wolford, for diagrams | 275 00 |
| " | 13, No. 104, | G. Sire W. G. DeSaussure, sundry expenses | 159 13 |
| " | 13, No. 105, | G. Sire W. G. DeSaussure, expenses to Canada | 300 00 |
| " | 14, No. 106, | W. C. Cunningham's services | 16 00 |
| " | 15, No. 107, | Wm. Bayley, per diem | 18 00 |
| " | 18, No. 108, | M. Purden, on account of the appropriation Grand Lodge United States, resolution Sept. 1854 | 46 00 |
| " | 18, No. 109, | J. E. Chamberlain, postage during session Grand Lodge United States, Sept. 1854, and sundries | 179 17 |
| " | 11, No. 110, | Two days' per diem for 78 Representatives | 468 00 |
| " | 28, No. 111, | A. McLaurin, for writing copy of constitution, and furnishing parchment | 22 00 |
| Oct. | 6, No. 112, | Baltimore Clipper, publishing resolutions on the death of Grand Rep. Hunter, of Virginia | 3 50 |
| " | 6, No. 113, | J. E. Chamberlain, postage, &c | 34 72 |
| " | 9, No. 114, | James Young, printing Revised Journal of session of 1854, Grand Lodge United States | 561 64 |
| " | 9, No. 115, | James Young, 136 reams paper, &c | 837 00 |
| " | 9, No. 116, | James Young, printing tabular statement | 38 90 |
| " | 9, No. 117, | Jacob Mearis, services | 10 00 |
| Nov. | 13, No. 118, | two drafts on California, made by G. Rep. M. Purden on D. G. Sire J. H. Parker, protested | 406 55 |
| " | 13, No. 119, | Costs of protest on the same | 17 50 |
| Dec. | 1, No. 120, | G. Sec'y J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| " | 1, No. 121, | J. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary, postages, stamps, and boxes | 243 38 |
| " | 4, No. 122, | G. Treasurer Vansant, for insurance on furniture and discount on uncurrent funds | 13 55 |
| " | 22, No. 123, | S. A. Sandy's printing account | 100 00 |
| 1855. | | | |
| Jan'y | 8, No. 124, | S. A. Sandy's printing account | 75 00 |
| " | 24, No. 125, | J. E. Chamberlain, sundries | 12 00 |
| " | 29, No. 126, | James Young, printing Journal, &c | 816 80 |
| " | 29, No. 127, | Louis Bonsal, binding Charge Books, &c | 156 00 |
| March | 2, No. 128, | P. G. Sire Moore, gilt frame for portrait, &c | 15 50 |
| " | 3, No. 129, | G. Secretary Ridgely, one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| " | 3, No. 130, | G. Messenger Chamberlain, salary, &c | 189 32 |
| Jan'y | 31, No. 131, | Paid for note of $1,000 discounted, &c | 18 77 |
| Mar. | 12, No. 132, | S. A. Sandy, engraving cards | 100 00 |
| " | 22, No. 133, | Discount on $60 of Kentucky and Ohio money | 88 |
| " | 22, No. 134, | Discount on time draft from California on N. York | 4 21 |
| " | 31, No. 135, | Louis Bonsal, binding | 100 00 |
| April | 16, No. 136, | J. E. Chamberlain, postage, &c | 18 04 |
| May | 2, No. 137, | Note of Grand Lodge United States | 1,000 00 |
| " | 21, No. 138, | James Young, printing | 111 15 |
| June | 1, No. 139, | J. E. Chamberlain, salary | 175 00 |
| " | 2, No. 140, | J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary | 300 00 |
| " | 4, No. 141, | J. E. Chamberlain, postage, &c | 16 84 |
| " | 4, No. 142, | S. A. Sandy, printing cards | 150 00 |
| Aug. | 1, No. 143, | S. A. Sandy, printing cards | 100 00 |
| " | 4, No. 144, | Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent of office | 275 00 |

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| Aug. 4, No. 145, J. E. Chamberlain, postage, &c | $28 | 11 |
| " 4, No. 146, L. A. Bonsal, binding books | 20 | 00 |
| " 11, No. 147, J. W. Bond, for Cushing's Manuals | 25 | 00 |
| " 11, No. 148, J. W. Bond, for stationery | 119 | 12 |
| " 25, No. 149, Bull & Tuttle, publishing proposals | 15 | 75 |
| " 25, No. 150, S. A. Sandy, printing cards | 169 | 00 |
| " 25, No. 151, Ocean Insurance Co | 14 | 54 |
| Sept. 3, No. 152, J. E. Chamberlain, salary, &c | 187 | 20 |
| " 3, No. 153, Grand Secretary, one quarter's salary | 300 | 00 |
| " 5, No. 154, J. J. Johnston, desks and chairs | 68 | 00 |
| " 10, No. 155, Salary of Grand Treasurer | 200 | 00 |
| | $19,459 | 27 |
| Balance | 4,330 | 36 |
| | $23,739 | 64 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

BALTIMORE, *September* 10, 1855.

On motion of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge took a recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled agreeably to the order for recess.

Pursuant to the order of installation of Grand Officers, the Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

The Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of Grand Officers elect for installation:

The Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy.

The Deputy Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. D. G. Sire Thompson and P. G. M. Craighead, of Ohio.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect will be presented by P. G. M. Connelly, of Mississippi, and P. G. M. Steele, of North Carolina.

The Grand Treasurer elect will be presented by P. G. Durham, of Kentucky, and P. G. M. Russel, of Vermont.

P. G. M. WILLIAM ELLISON, of Massachusetts, Grand Sire elect, being now presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy at the foot of the chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. GEORGE W. RACE, of Louisiana, Deputy Grand Sire elect, was then presented by P. D. G. S. Thompson and P. G. M. Craighead, qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was then presented by P. G. M. Connelly, of Mississippi, and P. G. M. Steele, of North Carolina, qualified by the Grand Sire, and conducted to his seat.

P. G. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, Grand Treasurer elect, was then presented by P. G. Durham, of Kentucky, and P. G. M. Russel, of Vermont, qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

The Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

P. G. Rev. Reuben Jones, of Arkansas, R. W. G. Chaplain.
P. G. Rep. James W. Hale, of Southern New York, R. W. G. Marshal.
P. G. Solomon H. Lewyt, of Maryland, W. G. Guardian.
P. G. John E. Chamberlain, of Maryland, W. G. Messenger.

The M. W. Grand Sire elect informed the Lodge that the appointees to the respective offices of Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, were not present, but were expected to arrive to-morrow,

When, on motion, it was resolved that the installation of those officers be dispensed with until to-morrow.

These officers having been severally confirmed by the Grand Lodge, those present were presented by the Grand Marshal, qualified, and conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire now proclaimed the ceremony of installation closed, and the officers elect duly inducted into their respective offices in ample form; whereupon

William Ellison, the M. W. Grand Sire, was conducted to the Chair by the retiring Grand Sire, and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Brethren: In accordance with the requirements of your constitution, you have called to this high position a new and untried officer, in place of one who I feel assured has retired from office with your benediction of "well done, good and faithful servant." It is in beautiful harmony with the spirit of our institution that these transfers of power and authority to new and untried counsellors are marked by no act of hostile partisanship, such as attends the advent and is engendered by the hot strife of contending political parties. Our changes may be compared to an island in some beautiful river, separating for a moment the stream in its united course, but coming immediately together again and rolling on in its majesty, until it pours its treasures into the great sea of human love. Within this magic circle are gathered the representatives of more than two hundred thousand constituents. Extending from the cold regions of the North to that far West where roll the rivers of Oregon, which know no sound save their own dashing, may be found planted the standard of Odd-Fellowship. And you have come up here, my brethren, not in the spirit of the old Egyptian, to bow down to idols in the temple of Isis, nor yet like the old Roman whose heaven it was to worship the sceptre of the Cæsars, but you have come in the spirit of love to legislate for our common brotherhood, to the end that additional strength and vitality may be given to an institution that has accomplished for man more true glory, than was ever reflected from Egyptian altar fires, or the halo that shone from the costly jewels of a Cæsar's crown.

In this great tent all political, polemical, and party questions are forever excluded, and we may here sit down in harmony and love. Are not these essential elements of success, and has not our association long since taken its place among those mighty agents of the earth whose duty it is to soften the asperities of life, and lead hope to look

into the unknown future for bright gleams of an eternal summer? From the proud eminence upon which our institution now stands let the imagination for a moment travel the shoreless sea of the past, and amid its iron materialism, its coldness, and its skepticism see the necessity for philanthropic associations to arouse in man and call into life and being those holier and better feelings of his nature that had become blunted by the breath of indifference and neglect. He who reads the past history of our race cannot fail to be convinced that the world is largely indebted to institutions like ours for the universal freedom, political, social, and religious, that we now enjoy. Enlighten the mind and touch with gentle hand the strings of the human heart, and you awaken it to a diviner melody. Let the scales of prejudice and bigotry fall from men's eyes, and you free them from the yoke of error. The warfare of an opposing public opinion has faded away, and the foreshadowing of a brilliant future has long since opened to our view. Even the past history of our institution has garnered up for us treasures that neither moth nor rust can corrupt; it is you alone, my brethren, that can ever write its epitaph. To be called upon to preside over an institution like ours, so vast in its resources, so magnificent in its results, is no empty nor unmeaning honor. And he who is thus chosen from among his peers and co-equals should bring to the discharge of the important and responsible duties of this high office a true devotion to the interests of the Order, and that broad national feeling of love and fraternity which shall make our institution, through its sublime teachings, the great conservator of the public morals, and the great supporter of the public laws; for the age of peace has not yet dawned upon the world, and it will only be when the lion shall be found lying down with the lamb that philanthropic institutions will be no longer needed.

It will not of course be expected of me, nor is it necessary, that I should at this time remark upon the present condition of our Order, either financially or otherwise. My much esteemed and immediate predecessor has presented you with an elaborate and detailed report, prepared with his usual care and research, that gives us the most encouraging assurances that our course is still onward and upward. The reports of those efficient officers, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, will give you an account of the progress of the Order for the past financial year and its present financial resources, and will receive from you such legislation, if any is necessary, as their importance requires.

My brethren, allow me, in conclusion, to thank you for the honor of calling me into a position of solemn responsibility. I am sensible of the difficulties, and my own incapacity to exercise the important functions of your executive officer. But I am cheered by pleasant remembrances of the past, and this foreshadowing of your kindness and confidence.

I shall confidently rely on the friendship and generous feeling you have so often professed for indulgence to my deficiencies and shortcomings in wisdom and ability. I am free to confess, and I trust you will pardon my sincerity, that the duties you have assigned me in past

years have been more congenial to my habits, because more retired than this important position. But while I claim in advance your leniency for my inexperience in the duties of presiding over this dignified assemblage, I shall claim no margin and ask for no indulgence in regard to the sincerity of my efforts to make the great good of our whole Order and the advancement of all its substantial elements of prosperity the primary object of my official action. It shall always be my pride and pleasure to keep steadily in view that important consideration under either prosperous or adverse circumstances.

Legislators, into your hands is entrusted the casket containing the priceless jewels of our Order. It will be your duty to see that their lustre be not dimmed by the corroding rust of a decaying vitality. You have built a gorgeous temple, whose foundation, if laid in the hearts of its members, will endure to the last syllable of recorded time. Upon its golden altars let the ruder and darker shades of humanity be mellowed into light, and around the pillars which sustain this edifice let there be engraved, in letters of living fire, those great truths, the daily practice of which will mould us insensibly, amid the struggles and conflicts of life, into harmony with each other, filling us with higher and nobler emotions, so that the very atmosphere shall be redolent of fraternity and love. This is the mission and this the work for philanthropic institutions. It is to refine society and give it that moral power which will add vigor and harmony to the fair fabric of government. It is to strengthen our faith in the great law of compensation, giving divinity to hope and eternity to time. Let the influence of this institution spread abroad then, until its blessings shall every where be felt, and the safety, comfort, and happiness of the whole world be enhanced by its power. Much of the progress, prosperity, and continued usefulness of our organization will depend upon the impress that your legislation will make upon its future career. May all your official acts develop the resources of our Order and strengthen the bond of our union, both social and political, so that each and every brother may feel that the tendency and the object of our association is to hasten that period, yet hidden in the womb of the future, when one law shall bind all the nations of the earth, and that law shall be the law of a universal brotherhood.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, the address of the Grand Sire was ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and fifteen hundred extra copies printed for the use of the Representatives.

The Chair named the following as the Standing Committees:

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts; Boylston, of South Carolina; Craighead, of Ohio.

*Legislative Committee.*—Rep. Colfax, of Indiana; Froment, of Southern New York; English, of Pennsylvania.

*Committee on Correspondence.*—Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia; Connelly, of Mississippi; Mickle, of New Jersey.

*Committee on Finance.*—Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts; Curtis of Pennsylvania; Mundav, of Tennessee.

*Committee on Appeals.*—Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Smith, of Alabama; Dwinelle, of California.

*Committee on Constitutions.*—Rep. Steele, of North Carolina; Stacy, of Michigan; Russel, of Vermont.

*Committee on Petitions.*—Rep. Race, of Louisiana; Brown, of Connecticut; Wheeler, of Rhode Island.

*Committee on Returns.*—Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire; Austin, of Illinois; Eckel, of Delaware.

*Committee on Printing.*—Rep. Gobright, of District Columbia; Bayley, of Maryland; Johnson, of Arkansas.

*Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.*—Rep. Hunt, of Texas; Lewis, of Northern New York; Deering, of Maine.

*Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.*—Rep. Foute, of Mississippi; Barry, of Indiana; E. C. Granniss, of Georgia.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, taken standing, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are due and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Sire Wilmot G. DeSaussure for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That Past Grand Sire Wilmot G. DeSaussure be requested to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge, and that the expense of the same be defrayed out of any money not otherwise appropriated out of the treasury of this Grand Body.

Rep. Gobright, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Lodge will meet daily at nine o'clock A. M., take a recess for half an hour at twelve o'clock M., and adjourn at half-past three o'clock P. M.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend by striking out the words "half an hour" and inserting "one hour" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Gobright—

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, moved to amend by adding, at the end of the resolution, the words "after to-day," which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause seventeen hundred copies of the daily journal to be printed, and to place one copy thereof on the table of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Messenger have placed daily on the desk of each Representative fifteen copies of the daily journal, in wrappers, in form for mailing, and that he be hereby authorized to pay the postage on all documents placed in his hands that are printed by the authority of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem ask leave to report that s our late Most Worthy Grand Sire and Right Worthy Grand Chaplain propose leaving the city immediately, they be allowed for their mileage and per diem the following amounts, and that the same be ordered to be paid:

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| Wilmot G. DeSaussure, for 710 miles, $71—1 day's attendance, $3—total, | $74 00 |
| Junius M. Willey, for 310 miles, $31—1 day's attendance, $3—total, | 34 00 |
| | $108 00 |

E. P. HUNT,
NATHL. F. DEERING.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: William Ellison, M. W. Grand Sire, all the installed Grand Officers; Rev. Bro. A. W. Bruce, of Northern New York, appointed by the Chair R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*; P. G. Sec'ry Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, appointed R. W. Grand Marshal *p. t.*; and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Bruce, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the Worthy Grand Sire, for a distribution of the subjects therein to appropriate committees, having attended to said duty, beg leave to present the following report:

That so much as relates to the affliction of our brothers in Norfolk and Portsmouth be referred to a special committee.

That so much as relates to granting dispensations for charters to Grand and Subordinate Lodges be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the state of the Order in New Mexico be referred to the Grand Sire for adjudication during the recess of this Grand Lodge.

That the several decisions of the Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the reports of the deputations to Canada West and the Lower Provinces be printed with the daily Journal, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

TIM. G. SENTER,
ISAAC W. MICKLE,
JOHN N. WASHINGTON.

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, the rule was suspended requiring reports to lie on the table for one day, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for a distribution of the important subjects therein to appropriate committees, beg leave to present the following report:

That so much of said report as relates to employing an Assistant Secretary, to aid in collating and examining the sanitary statistics, and so much as relates to amending the form of annual returns from State Grand Bodies, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the subject of requiring the Committee on Returns to make a careful analysis of the statistical reports be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to the receipts and disbursements of the office be referred to the Committee on Finance.

TIM. G. SENTER,
ISAAC W. MICKLE,
J. N. WASHINGTON.

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, offered at the last session, be made the special order of the day for Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, presented an appeal from that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, an appeal from the jurisdiction of Southern New York, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, presented an appeal of Wayne Lodge, No. 3, of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, presented an answer to the appeal from Wayne Lodge, No. 3, of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives in proper form and according to law, and that they are entitled to seats on this floor, viz:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. Daniel Rohrer, - - - - - | Minnesota. |
| P. G. M. Thomas D. Evans, - - - - - | Iowa. |
| P. D. G. M. Wm. Potter, Jr. - - - - | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. James B. Kellogg, (vice C. Billinghurst, resigned,) | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. M. John D. Butt, - - - - - | Georgia. |
| P. G. M. F. E. Woodbridge, - - - - | Vermont. |
| P. G. M. Wm. E. Parmenter, - - - - - | Massachusetts. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. P. Jos. Byron, - - - - - | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. Schuyler Colfax, - - - - - - | Indiana. |

WM. A. BELL,
AMOS MATHEWS,
JOHN W. PRUETT.

Rep. Ninde, of Maryland, presented the appeal of John W. Colley, of that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Lewis, of Northern New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Northern New York is in favor of so amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States that said body shall be composed of Representatives elected by the different State jurisdictions according to a fixed ratio of members; and that our Grand Representatives be earnestly requested to support any amendment to said Constitution having for its object the accomplishment of this measure.

*Resolved*, That we are warmly in favor of the object proposed in the memorial from the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, relating to suspended members from other jurisdictions in that State; provided it may be accomplished without any violations of the long established laws and usages of the Order.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives be requested to present to R. W. G. Rep. Peter Della Torre, of South Carolina, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, a bound copy of its proceedings from 1848 to 1854, inclusive, as a faint token of esteem for his personal character, and as a humble testimonial that the efforts of that noble-hearted brother in our behalf are still held in lively recollections, and that he is yet honored and cherished as a friend of reform and of this jurisdiction.

Rep. Lewis, of Northern New York, moved to lay the subject on the table for the present, with a view to its future reference to appropriate committees.

Rep. Lewis, of Northern New York, presented an appeal from that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Bruce, of Northern New York, presented the following proceeding of that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives be requested to present the question touching the suspension of Patriarchs, when caused by the action of a Subordinate Lodge, without moral wrong on the part of the suspended Patriarch, to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session, and procure such action thereon as may afford relief to the Patriarchs thus situated.

*Resolved*, As the sense of this Grand Encampment, that the present ratio of representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States is unequal and unjust, and that such of the pending amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be adopted as will remove the injustice and inequality of which we complain.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of Northern New York is opposed to any change in the relations of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order to the other branch of Odd-Fellowship, and to any merging of the Encampment Degrees with the Degrees of Subordinate Lodges.

*Resolved*, That the resolution passed by the Standing Committee of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, in relation to independent membership in Subordinate Encampments, is hereby approved, and our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of such a law.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, presented an appeal from that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States*:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petition and accompanying documents from Brock Lodge, No. 9, Union Lodge, No. 16, and Eureka Lodge, No. 30, all in Canada West, having thirty-six Past Grands, and working under dispensations from this Grand Lodge, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, beg leave to report favorably, and to submit the accompanying resolution for your consideration:

*Resolved*, That a charter for a Grand Lodge be granted to Canada West, to be known as the Grand Lodge of Canada West, and located within said Territory, at such place as may be selected by said petitioners, subject to the approval of the M W. Grand Sire.

G. W. RACE,
F. M. BROWN,
J. M. WHEELER.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report and resolution were considered and adopted.

Rep. Race, from the same committee, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petitions of Acadia Lodge, No. 26, of Halifax; Eastern Star Lodge, No. 34, of Pictou, and Cobequid Lodge, No. 35, of Truro, all of the District of the Lower Provinces of British North America, at present with fifteen Past Grands, and working under dispensation from this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that the petition and accompanying documents are in due form of law. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved,* That the warrant granted during the recess of the Grand Lodge be confirmed, and that a charter be granted in pursuance to the prayer of said petitioners.

G. W. RACE,
F. M. BROWN,
J. M. WHEELER.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report and resolution were considered and adopted.

Rep. Race, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of five brethren holding withdrawal cards, viz: Bro. R. H. Hamilton, H. K. Whitney, W. Milton, J. C. Becket, and William Ewan, asking for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at Montreal, in Canada, and to be known as Phœnix Lodge, No. 3, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined said petition, and find that said petitioners are eminently qualified to be entrusted with a charter for a Subordinate Lodge. Your committee therefore submit the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved,* That a charter be granted by this Grand Lodge for the establishment of Phœnix Lodge, No. 3, at Montreal, in Canada.

G. W. RACE,
F. M. BROWN,
J. M. WHEELER.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the address of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California to this R. W. Grand Lodge, on the subject of suspended members of the Order residing in that State, which is found at page 136 of the certified proceedings of the last session of the Grand Lodge of California, be referred to a special committee of nine, with instructions to report on the subject-matter of that address by resolution.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the special committee on that subject appointed at the last session, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Body to prepare a plan by which the two branches of this Order may be merged, after having given the subject all the consideration which its importance demands, has agreed upon the following report:

The committee is of opinion, and in this it cannot be in error, that it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to exercise a watchful guardianship on the interests of the Order, and, as such, to promote the general welfare by the enactment of all laws, whether constitutional or statutory, which experience shall demonstrate to be wise for the furtherance of this great purpose. If, therefore, the existing organization is not well adapted to the growth, health, and prosperity of Odd-Fellowship, it becomes the supreme legislative authority so to change it that this object may be secured, and the membership every where to second all efforts for advancement by a cheerful acquiescence in the law so made and provided. A patriotic generosity, such as Odd Fellows ought always to exhibit, will yield a natural pride of opinion, founded upon habit, to the general good; and not tolerate, for one moment, that miserable dog-in-the-manger policy which prefers breathing out its life in useless inactivity to a surrender of its ancient customs and the adoption of others more in harmony with the interests and wants of mankind. Owing to certain constitutional provisions, intended for the protection of the rights of minorities, a few persons have the power to interpose obstacles to all healthy progress, and thus keep the Order from advancing in the march of human improvement. The committee will not say how far the use of this power corresponds with the genius of Odd-Fellowship; nor will it characterize this opposition to any change as the result of either stupidity or a grovelling and contemptible selfishness. Such language does not become Odd-Fellows, and particularly that branch of the Order whose elevated principles so strongly inculcate the doctrine of toleration. Differences of opinion must always exist among men, and it is the pride of this institution to teach its members to judge in charity of the motives of each other, and not "to deal damnation round the land on all they deem their foes." Notwithstanding this, the committee is mortified to say (not on its own account) that this elevated spirit has not always been shown. A feeling far different, and not more worthy, has manifested itself in reference to the subject which this committee has in charge. The exhibition of it has not been confined to individual members speaking from the excitement of the hour, but it has been indulged in by Subordinate Encampments, and even Grand Encampments, uttering their sentiments, it must be presumed, with calmness. Those who favor a change in the organization of Odd-Fellowship, are denounced by Odd-Fellows as desiring "to ride into notoriety upon some *hobby* of experiment, whilst they are wanting "in eminence and superiority, as "prompted by no good or just motives," as Odd Fellows "only in name and not in spirit," and "actuated by selfish and narrow-minded feeling." These and similar elevated and classic designations have been freely given to us, and those who concur with us, by men

who claim to be possessed of all the genuine spirit of the brotherhood. How far such elegant and kindly aspersions are consonant with true and not braggart Odd-Fellowship it requires no wisdom to perceive. Your committee has alluded to these unpleasant things "more in sorrow than in anger," for the purpose of setting forth the difficulties which it has had to meet, and which encompass any proposition to make an alteration which changes existing institutions.

The true question for the Grand Lodge of the United States to consider is, whether the present organization of the Order is the best which can be devised for the promotion of the objects of the institution? If it shall so determine, the question is ended. If, however, after mature deliberation, it shall judge that a change may be made which will infuse more vitality into the system, and therefore fit it better for its high mission of moral and social advancement, it becomes its bounden duty to provide for the reform. As a matter of course, the restrictions of the organic law must be observed, and nothing done which will compromise the faith of the Order; for that must be preserved inviolate, without regard to the consequences which may ensue. So long as a law exists, it should be scrupulously obeyed; and those who have charge of its execution should never falter in the exercise of their duties to pander to the prejudices or caprice of the multitude; for on this depends the preservation of all human interests. If it should become clear, however, that the welfare of Odd-Fellowship requires something which the Constitution does not authorize, then the obligation is imposed to modify the organic law so that the end may be effected. This the committee knows cannot be done until a correction of the inadequacy of our present system shall become almost universal. When this becomes the case, and not till then, the change which the committee desires to see made will be accomplished.

The committee is of opinion that inasmuch as all State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments depend upon the Constitution for their existence, whenever that instrument undergoes any radical change in the provision, relating to these bodies, they *ipso facto* cease to exist. Such is believed to be a principle of law of universal application; and hence, if the Grand Lodge of the United States should deem it advisable to alter the Constitution by striking out all clauses thereof which recognise or authorize the existence of Encampments or Grand Encampments, these bodies could not continue in being. The power "to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order," and "to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written works therefor," belongs to the Grand Lodge, and is unlimited; and in the exercise thereof, it may make any change which it deems beneficial to the interests of the membership. The power, therefore, to accomplish what the committee believes to be all-important to the success and value of the Order, in the opinion of the committee, clearly exists.

The committee is unable to come to any other conclusion in regard to the necessity of merging the two branches of Odd-Fellowship than that set forth in a report of the Legislative Committee at the last session of the Grand Lodge. This conviction has been strengthened by

reflection; and, so far as can be ascertained by the action of Grand Bodies in different States, is becoming more widely diffused among the brotherhood. The committee believes that it will continue to increase until a change will be effected by which the Order will be enabled to go on, growing in usefulness and beneficence, until its great mission of moral and social benevolence will be accomplished. At present the Encampment branch hangs as a mill-stone on its energies—not prospering itself, and preventing the Subordinate Lodges from prospering. The report of the Grand Secretary presents unquestionable evidence that in most of the States this branch of the Order is in a sickly condition, not evincing the prosperity which belongs to Subordinate Lodges. It cannot be owing to the fact that the ritual is less interesting, or the moral teachings less elevated and ennobling. On the contrary, there can be no doubt that the three degrees alluded to contain by far the most beautiful part of our social structure. No one proposes to abolish them, or deprive them of one tittle of their magnificence. This want of prosperity is owing, the committee believes, to causes inseparable from the distinct existence of the two parts of the system.

Whatever may be the defects of our present organization, the committee knows the utter futility of attempting to remedy them at the present time. There is now no hope of such a reformation as, in its opinion, the wants of the Order imperatively require, for the reason that the membership is so much wedded to the existing state of things that it cannot tolerate so great a change as will be necessary to effect it. As already stated, time and experience must work the solution of the problem, for it cannot be brought about otherwise. It is thus only that all good reformations are produced.

In view of these things, the committee has not deemed it advisable to undergo the labor of preparing an elaborate and detailed report, setting forth, in every particular, with scrupulous nicety, the means by which a judicious *merger* might take place. Such labor would have been vain. It is no easy task to spend days and nights in the construction of a system, with a full knowledge that, however beauteous and elegant it may be, it is doomed to ruthless destruction so soon as it is finished. If there had been the slightest prospect of accomplishing any thing, it would have afforded the committee sufficient encouragement to have undergone the requisite labor.

It is believed to be wise, and it is so recommended to the Grand Lodge, to pass a law authorizing the States to merge or continue the separate organization, as they may desire. By this arrangement, no violence whatever will be done to the cherished opinions and wishes of those jurisdictions which seem to be satisfied with the present organization. No power or prerogative possessed by them is either destroyed or weakened, whilst those sections of our brotherhood which are now groaning under the weight of the present system will be relieved of the burdens which oppress them. Upon such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as desire it can be conferred the power of treating with each other as to the mode by which their interests will be merged,

the disposition of the Encampment property, and all other matters pertaining to the end desired. The Encampment degrees can be continued in such jurisdictions, with such changes only (and they will not be material) as are necessary to make them conferable by the Lodges; and these degrees will become, of course, necessary qualifications for office. By this means, no change in the unwritten work will be required, and the beautiful rituals of the Patriarchal degree will remain unaltered. Thus the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in reference to the qualifications of Grand Representatives, will be observed in letter and in spirit, for each Past Grand will of necessity have taken the royal purple degree, and the anomaly of Past Chief Patriarchs, who have not taken the Grand Lodge degree, be entirely removed.

This is only an outline of the plan by which the committee thinks increased interest in the Order can be infused, and, of consequence, increased prosperity brought about. The reasons which have induced this want of elaboration have already been stated, and the committee trusts they will be satisfactory to the Lodge. At all events, it has aimed to do the best the circumstances allowed; and although it is known that a highly raised public expectation is likely to be disappointed on account of its meagerness, and the members of the committee subjected to ridicule because of the conclusions to which they have arrived, yet feeling a proud consciousness of the purity of the motives which have governed them, they can afford to take all consequences which may follow, both from the friends and foes of the system which they favor.

In regard to the other matter referred to it, the committee is of opinion that the interests of the Order require a thorough revision of the work of Subordinate Lodges. It is not recommended, however, to restore the old form of initiation, but so to alter the present one as to give more effect to the ceremony, whereby a better impression would be made upon the mind of the initiate. By doing this, merging the first and second, and the third and fourth degrees, and affixing an initiatory ceremony to each one of them, it is believed that an organism would be made which for beauty and harmony would challenge a comparison with any institution upon earth. Then the ceremonies would increase in interest in one ascending climax, until the pilgrim reached the highest point in our mystic land, from which he could look back with unmingled delight upon the beauteous fields through which he had passed, and sing pæans of joy over the glories of his inheritance.

WALTER L. STEELE,
J. K. CONNELLY,
W. P. RUSSEL,
H. F. ASKEW.

Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge contribute to the relief of the suffering brethren in Norfolk and Portsmouth the sum of three hundred dollars, this amount to be divided equally between the Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges in those cities.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the resolution was referred to the special committee already raised on that subject.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed upon the unfinished business of last session.

The Chair named Reps. Hunt, of Texas, Durham, of Kentucky, and Banks, of Maine, as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, asked to be excused from serving on the Legislative Committee; which was not agreed to.

Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, presented the following proceeding of that jurisdiction, recommending the repeal of the law concerning vital statistics, which was laid on the table:

WHEREAS it is evident that the statistic reports required of the Subordinates annually will entirely fail in carrying out the views of its projector, owing to their general inaccuracy and the guess work manner in which they are in general made out, it is therefore useless to continue what a large proportion of the Lodges deem a useless trouble and annoyance: therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the enactments of article ten of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, requiring Subordinate Lodges to report the amount of money in treasury, amount of widow and orphan fund, and the amount of investments, should be stricken out, and the law requiring statistic reports repealed. Our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States are requested to use their endeavors to have these views carried into effect.

Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That article ten of the by-laws be amended by inserting the word "and" before "the" at the close of the seventh line, and striking out the words "amount of money in the treasury, amount of the widow and orphan funds, and the amount of investments," in the eighth and ninth lines.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in relation to mergement, which were laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That the course hitherto pursued by the Grand Representatives of this State, in opposing the merging the two branches of the Order, be and the same is hereby approved; and the said Representatives are hereby instructed to use their best energies to prevent the consummation of that impolitic and, to this jurisdiction, unjust measure.

Also, the following proceeding of the same Grand Lodge, asking the return of money paid under the assessment law, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to use their efforts to effect a return of the assessment tax of 1850, paid by this Grand Lodge under protest, said assessment having been unconstitutionally imposed.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio is in favor of amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States so that said body shall be composed of Representatives elected by the several States according to a fixed ratio of numbers.

*Resolved*, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be earnestly requested to support any amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States having for its object the accomplishment of this measure.

*Resolved*, That our sister jurisdictions, favorable to such an amendment, be fraternally requested to take such action thereon as in their judgment may best conduce to further its enactment.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to each State Grand Lodge a copy of so much of the foregoing report as relates to the representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Gobright, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, having duly examined the subject referred to them, connected with the printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Body, respectfully report that they have accepted the proposal of Bro. James Young, and have entered into a contract with him for the execution of the work in conformity with his bid, the only one which was offered for the performance of that service.

The Journal is to be printed on paper similar to that made use of last year, a sample of which accompanies the contract.

L. A. GOBRIGHT,
WM. BAYLEY,
R. M. JOHNSON

Rep. Rounsville, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That article nine, section three, of the Constitution of this R. W Grand Body, shall not be so construed as to debar any Representative regularly elected to this Grand Lodge from claiming and receiving his seat because he may have taken a withdrawal card after his election for the purpose of connecting himself with another Lodge; provided not more than three months shall elapse between the times of withdrawal and deposite, and provided also that no session of this body, either special or annual, shall be held in the interim.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, submitted the following queries from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. Has a Subordinate Lodge the right to charge for a visiting or withdrawal card?

2d. Has a Subordinate Lodge (or the Secretary thereof) the right of refusing to deliver, after it has been granted by a vote of the Lodge, a visiting or withdrawal card to a brother after he has paid all dues to the Lodge except the charge made for his card, which he refuses to pay?

3d. Can an individual or subject of a foreign Power, but who annually for some months resides in one of these United States, be initiated into the Order during such temporary residence?

4th. Can a State Grand Body, after admitting a Past Grand or Past Chief Patriarch to membership upon a certificate, made in due form, as having served the regular term entitling him to said favor, go behind said certificate, and rescind the consent given to his admission, and refuse him a seat upon the floor, when it may discover that said certificate was false as to the service performed, and in its issue the illegality was confined to the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment?

5th. Can the Degree of Rebekah be conferred upon adopted daughters—the adopted daughters living in a State other than the one in which the adopted father resides?

Rep. Race also presented the following instruction from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

I am instructed by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to urge upon the attention of this R. W. Grand Body the importance and necessity of adopting an appropriate and uniform funeral service, to be used at the house of a deceased brother, previously to removing his remains for interment, in cases where there are to be no other funeral services than those of the Order.

Rep. Van Cleft, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the report of the committee in the case of Charles J. Collins *vs.* Yuba Buena Lodge, No. 15, California, together with the accompanying resolutions, (found on pages 126, 127, 128, 129, and 140, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California,) be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby instructed to call on the Postmaster of the City of Baltimore and request him to distribute the printed matter of this body at his earliest convenience after the same may arrive at his office.

Rep. Evans, of Iowa, moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, it was adopted.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, presented the following queries from that jurisdiction, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Must a member of a Subordinate Lodge have his account settled up to the last day of the past term to entitle him to receive the P. W. of the current term?

Has a brother thus in arrears a right to sit in his own Lodge without the P. W. prior to suspension?

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and, on his motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to Past Grand Sire W. G. DeSaussure the sum of six dollars, being the amount of postages paid by him in his official capacity during the past year.

N. A. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge; and that on Wednesday at one o'clock the Grand Lodge will take a recess of one hour for the purpose of enabling the members to procure the signatures of the Officers and Representatives thereto.

*Resolved further*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journal and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the first resolution by striking out "1 o'clock" and inserting "12 o'clock;" which was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the badge of mourning to be worn by brothers upon funeral occasions shall be a black crape rosette, with a centre of the color of the degree the wearer may have attained, and below which may be suspended the jewel which past or present officers may be entitled to wear.

*Resolved*, That all resolutions inconsistent with the above be and they are hereby repealed.

Rep. Monell, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals:

*Resolved*, That the appeal case of P. G. A. Shell, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, as contained on pages 107, 108, 113, and 125 of its certified proceedings, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the work of the Order translated into the Welsh language, and two hundred copies thereof printed; provided, the cost of the same shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That one o'clock P. M. of Wednesday be assigned for instruction in the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend by striking out "1 o'clock of Wednesday," and inserting "10 o'clock Thursday morning;" which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Bayley, of Maryland, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the rule on adjournment be suspended for Wednesday, and that the Grand Lodge adjourn at 2½ o'clock, and that the Grand Lodge meet at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved to strike out the words "and that the Grand Lodge meet at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning;" which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

*Resolved*, That Past Grand Representatives be permitted to be present at the time the secret work is exemplified.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-morrow for G. Rep. Fuller, of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

Rep. Monell, of California, presented the following query from that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

If a brother guilty of an offence which would subject him to trial and punishment by his Lodge should, before charges are preferred, or after charges have been preferred and after notice thereof shall have been served on him, absent himself, so that such notice cannot be served on him, in what manner must the Lodge proceed against him?

Rep. Van Cleft, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, which was ordered to lie on the table:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge a judicious mergement of the Encampment Degrees with those of the Subordinate Lodge will be conducive to the prosperity of the Order at large.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the book of Diagrams and the Secret Journal be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire during the session, for the use of the Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 12½ o'clock.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: William Ellison, M. W. Grand Sire, and the same Officers and Representatives as of the morning session.

The Chair presented the following supplementary report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

I have the honor to submit herewith a supplementary report, embracing the period from the 11th to 18th September, both inclusive, 1855.

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| Sept. 10. | To balance as per annual report, | | | $4,320 36 |
| " " | Amount received from Grand Secretary, | | | 5,200 36 |
| " " | Received from Grand Encampment, Maine, | | | 61 47 |
| " " | Received from Grand Lodge, Maine, | | | 27 15 |
| | | | | $9,609 34 |

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| Sept. 15. | No. 1, J. Young, printing cards, &c. | | $34 00 | |
| " 17. | No. 2, P. G. C. J. M. Willey, per diem and mileage, | | 34 00 | |
| " " | No. 3, P. G. Sire DeSaussure, per diem and mileage, | | 74 00 | |
| " " | No. 4, Stamp on Treasurer's bond, | | 5 50 | |
| " 18. | No. 5, J. Vansant, for check book, | | 1 00 | |
| " " | No. 6, P. G. Sire DeSaussure, postages, | | 6 00 | |
| | | | | 154 50 |
| | Balance, | | | $9,454 64 |

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

*Grand Lodge, Sept.* 18, 1855.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Special Committees:

*Special Committee on the subject of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Sufferers.*—Reps. E. C. Robinson and Fitzhugh, of Virginia, Thompson, of Massachusetts.

*Committee on the Address from the Grand Lodge of California.*—Reps. Dwinelle, of California, Stetson, of Louisiana, Stacy, of Michigan, Bell, of Massachusetts, Gyles, of South Carolina, Clark, of Ohio, Curtis, of Pennsylvania, Kennedy, of Southern New York, and Fuller, of British North America.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was not adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Messenger be requested to furnish each member of this Grand Lodge with but one copy of the Daily Journal during the session, and that he be required to furnish by mail to the Representatives the number of copies voted by this Grand Body as soon as the Journal for the session is completed.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, presented the following instruction from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which he moved to refer to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved,* That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to use their best efforts in procuring a revision of the Odes for Subordinate Lodges, so as to present a greater variety, and be to the membership more attractive.

Rep. Washington, of North Carolina, moved to amend by referring the paper to the Legislative Committee; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. English to refer to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was adopted.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the special committee on the memorial of the Grand Lodge of California.

The Chair named Rep. Banks, of Maine, as a member of said committee, vice Rep. Dwinelle, excused.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Reynolds, of Canada West, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved to reconsider the vote had this morning making the pending amendments to the constitution the special order for to-morrow; which was agreed to

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, the Lodge agreed to take up for consideration the proposed amendments to the Constitution, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The Lodge thereupon took up for consideration the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, on page 2327 of the Journal:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended as to strike out the word "second" in the second line of the second section of the fifteenth article, and insert the word "fourth."

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, being as follows, proposed by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, page 2339 of the Journal, was considered:

SEC. 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction five thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over thirty thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives. And no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, to indefinitely postpone the subject, the yeas and nays were required.

The roll not having yet been printed,—

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone the call until a roll be obtained, but the motion was not agreed to.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone the amendment, and all other pending amendments to the Constitution, until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved to amend by postponing for one hour; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, to postpone until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, it was agreed to.

Rep. Connelly, of Mississippi, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That three thousand copies each of the Reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the same be by the Grand Messenger placed in wrappers for mailing, and distributed equally among the officers and members of this Grand Lodge

Rep. Wheeler, of Rhode Island, moved that the Lodge now adjourn; which was not agreed to.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding from the Grand Encampment of Ohio:

Your committee also recommend that an appropriation of one hundred dollars each be made to P. G. P. H. N. Clark and P. P. H. H. Dodd, to defray their expenses to the late session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; and that the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to demand from the Grand Lodge of the United States a remission of fifty dollars, being the amount paid to said body for a Representative who was not admitted to a seat in said Grand Lodge.

Rep. Clark moved to refer the proceeding to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Brown, of Connecticut, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject; which was disagreed to.

The question being on the motion to refer to the Committee on Finance, it was adopted.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

*Resolved*, That as the appropriations made by the Grand Body have, at its several late sessions, exceeded its receipts, and the funded capital of this body is being absorbed by the increasing expenditures, the M. W. Grand Sires are respectfully requested hereafter to appoint ministers and residents of the city of Baltimore who may be eligible to the R. W. Grand Chaplaincy of this Grand Lodge, so long as this Grand Body shall meet in that city.

Rep. Lambert, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of supplies furnished to Grand Bodies fifty per cent. from the present rates.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was not adopted.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, moved that the vote had this morning, postponing the consideration of amendments to the Constitution until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, be reconsidered.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, to reconsider—

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, raised the following point of order:

The proposed amendments to the Constitution were this morning made the order of the day for Wednesday, which action was subsequently reconsidered, and the matter again made the order of the day for Wednesday, by a motion to postpone to that time. Can we go on reconsidering *ad infinitum*?

The Chair ruled the motion of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, to be in order; and the question being on the motion of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, to reconsider—

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, was proceeding to address the Lodge on the merits of the question, when

Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, raised the following point of order:

The question being on a reconsideration, and the chairman having risen to take the question, the discussion of the merits of the subject *or the original* motion is out of order.

The Chair ruled that the question being on the motion to reconsider, debate upon the merits of the subject was not in order.

The question recurred on the motion of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, to reconsider—

Pending the consideration of which, the Lodge, on motion of Rep. Washington, of North Carolina, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: William Ellison, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Bruce, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Thomas Lawrence and others from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, report:

The question involved in this appeal is whether the Grand Representatives of that Grand Lodge are entitled to vote in that body.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York provides that "all legislative and judicial business of the Grand Lodge in session shall be transacted by the elective Grand Officers and Representatives of Lodges duly elected as hereinafter provided, and such persons shall, for the time being, be denominated *legislative members.*" (Art. X, Sec. III, Clause II.) And, further: "No member shall be permitted to vote or speak unless he is at the time a *legislative member*, except on an election for Grand Officers." (Art. II, Sec. I.) And, further: "That Grand Representatives are *elective officers* of that Grand Lodge." (Art. III, Sec. I, Clause I.) Under their Constitution the Grand Representatives are entitled to vote and speak, and constitute a part of the regular membership of the Grand Lodge. The committee can find no legislation by this Grand Body inconsistent with that constitutional provision, and certainly nothing which prohibits it; on the contrary, a Grand Lodge may adopt such representative basis as it chooses for its ordinary legislation. The decision of last year, to be found on page 2265 of the Journal, in the opinion of the committee only es-

tablishes the doctrine that elective Grand Officers are not entitled, *ex officio*, to a vote in their Grand Lodges, but it is always competent for local legislation to give them that privilege. The report has reference only to the right of Grand Officers to vote in the absence of such legislation; where that exists they can vote according to its provisions. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in permitting its two Grand Representatives to vote upon the adoption of a new constitution for that body, and declaring said constitution to be adopted, be and the same is hereby affirmed.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
P. C. SMITH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand John W. Colley from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland declaring him ineligible to the office of Grand Warden, submit the following report:

It appears that Bro. Colley was elected, installed, and served a full term as the first Noble Grand of Oriental Lodge, No. 52, a Subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. After passing that chair, the past official degrees were conferred upon him by an officer of that Grand Body. Subsequently he was elected Grand Warden of his Grand Lodge. He presented himself for installation at the proper time and place, but the Grand Lodge, entertaining doubts of his eligibility, declined to install him and referred his case to the Committee on the State of the Order. A majority of that committee reported that Bro. Colley was ineligible—a minority that he was eligible. After considering these reports, the Grand Lodge decided that he was ineligible to the office, set aside his election, and elected and installed another in his place. A minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland appeal from this decision and ask that it be reversed.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland contains the following clause: "The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden must have served as Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge." (Art. XV., Sec. 2.)

In deciding the question arising in this case, the Grand Lodge of Maryland appears to have regarded this clause in their Constitution as if there was no other law on the subject in any way qualifying or defining its meaning, and to have construed it as requiring an actual service as essential to eligibility. Your committee do not concur in the correctness of this conclusion. The Grand Lodge of the United States, long prior to the ratification of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland containing the clause referred to, had settled the law on the subject. A correct summary of its action can be found at page 350 of the Digest. It is brief, and we insert it: "The past official degrees

of Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and Secretary are conferred by their Grand Lodge upon such brothers as have discharged the duties of those offices. The first Noble Grand of a new or revived Lodge is entitled to all the official degrees, and the first Vice Grand to the degrees of Past Vice Grand and Past Secretary; but in no other case can they be conferred except for service actually performed." It is evident to your committee that a constructive as well as an actual service is contemplated by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States—and that clause of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland must be interpreted so as to comprehend both kinds of service, the constructive as well as the actual. If the committee is correct in this conclusion, it follows that there is entire harmony between the laws of this Grand Body and that clause of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and under a proper construction both of that constitution and of the laws of this body, or of either, any sort of service which, under the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, entitles a brother to receive the past official degrees, will, upon receiving them, render him eligible to office. If, when Bro. Colley presented himself for installation, he was lawfully in possession of the past official degrees, he furnished conclusive evidence of his eligibility. The Grand Lodge of Maryland conferred them upon him, and no one questions the legality of that act, for he was the first Noble Grand of a newly instituted Lodge, and the laws of this Grand Body expressly give him the right to receive them as soon as his term expired; and when the Grand Lodge of Maryland recognised this right and put him into the lawful possession of these degrees, it was precluded from going into such an inquiry as it has made in this case. Its action in conferring the degrees was lawful, and it was estopped from afterwards going behind it and practically declaring that lawful action a nullity.

We conclude, therefore, that the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the premises was erroneous and ought to be reversed; that P. G. Colley ought to be installed into the office of Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the election and installation of P. G. Grim should be rescinded and regarded as null and void.

We submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of the minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland from the decision of that body in the case of P. G. Colley be and the same is hereby sustained.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland be and it is hereby directed to rescind its action electing and installing P. G. Wm. D. Grim, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, as Grand Warden, and to treat the same as a nullity.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland be and it is hereby directed to install P. G. John W. Colley as Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
P. C. SMITH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals submit the following report on the appeal of P. G. A. Shell from a decision of the Grand Lodge of California:

The Grand Lodge of California adopted a Constitution for the government of its Subordinates containing the following clause: "No member shall be installed as N. G. unless he has served a term as V. G., or the last of a term to fill a vacancy; nor as V. G., unless he has served twenty-six weeks in an inferior office other than Permanent Secretary and Chaplain. That service in office, whether elective or appointed, is qualifying in any other Lodge as well as in this Lodge, provided the brother has a certificate to that effect under seal of a Lodge in good standing; provided that any scarlet member may be elected if there is no eligible candidate standing for the office." A motion was made to strike out the last proviso on the ground of its being contrary to law. The Grand Lodge refused to strike out the clause, and an appeal was taken from that decision.

In the opinion of your committee the appeal ought to be sustained. This Grand Lodge has frequently refused to sanction the principle contained in the last proviso, and at the last session laid upon the table a report of the Committee on the State of the Order which declared a scarlet member eligible when all qualified members refused to accept and a dispensation was first obtained. But the committee think the proviso would be illegal even if that report had been adopted, for the latter contemplates a refusal by all qualified members and the obtaining of a dispensation. The committee submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of P. G. A. Shell from the decision of the Grand Lodge of California refusing to strike out a clause in the Constitution for the government of Subordinates, declaring scarlet members eligible to certain offices therein mentioned, be and the same is hereby sustained.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of California be and the same is hereby directed to strike said last proviso of said clause from the Constitutions of its Subordinates, and to declare the said last clause null and void.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
P. C. SMITH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of George W. Chedic from the decision of Pacific Encampment, No. 2, Sacramento city, California, beg leave to report:

That a Grand Encampment has been organized in California, to which this appeal ought to be referred. This Grand Lodge has not now jurisdiction over the case. It is proper to remark, in justice to Pacific Encampment, No. 2, that at the time this appeal was forwarded to this Grand Body, the Grand Encampment of California had not been

instituted. It was subsequently organized, and from that time became the proper tribunal to try the appeal. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the applicant have leave to withdraw his papers.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
P. C. SMITH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Wayne Lodge, No. 3, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the case of Borrodale against Wayne Lodge, No. 3, submit the following report:

The question involved in this appeal appears to be this: Thos. Borrodale, a member of Wayne Lodge, No. 3, was reported sick; his indisposition continued for some time; during its continuance he, to some extent, attended to his usual business; but there is much conflict in the testimony on this point, and it is difficult to decide how far he did attend to it, and whether he was incapacitated to such extent as to entitle him to sick benefits. This is the main question, though various collateral points arose during the progress of the cause. In the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the decision was adverse to Wayne Lodge. A new trial was asked for and refused, and an appeal was taken to this Grand Lodge.

The committee think that where such a conflict of testimony exists as in this case, and each party to the appeal professes to be able to produce further testimony tending to clear up points of doubt, it will be in furtherance of justice to grant a new trial.

Your committee are of opinion that a brother who is suffering with a chronic complaint, but is yet able to go to his place of business, superintend it, and participate in it to a degree, is *prima facie* not entitled to benefits as a sick brother, although this presumption may be rebutted by positive evidence; that the Subordinate Lodge to which a brother belongs, in whose neighborhood he resides, who are acquainted with the witnesses produced, and under whose direction the testimony is taken, are the best judges of the weight of such testimony; and no appellate body, acting upon the inspection of the *written* testimony merely, ought to reverse the judgment of the Subordinate Lodge upon it, unless it clearly appears that the Subordinate Lodge has acted improperly, hastily, or in a spirit unworthy of our Order.

For these reasons we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the appeal of Wayne Lodge, No. 3, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be sustained, and that said Grand Lodge be directed to grant Wayne Lodge, No. 3, a new trial.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
P. C. SMITH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session have examined the Journal, and find as follows:

Resolution from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, presented by Rep. Glenn.—See Journal, page 2247.

Report from the Legislative Committee—Journal, page 2315—relative to proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland.—Journal, page 2295.

Report from same committee on resolution offered by Rep. Day, of Tennessee.—Journal, page 2310.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

An amendment to the 2d section, 15th article, proposed by Rep. Robinson, of Virginia.—Journal, page 2327.

Amendments to article 9, proposed by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania.—Journal, page 2339.

Amendment to article 9, proposed by Rep. Williams, of Ohio.—Journal, page 2341.

Amendment to article 12, same page, proposed by Rep. Askew, of Delaware.

Amendments to articles 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 20, proposed by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia.—Journal, page 2351.

Amendment to article 9, proposed by Rep. Foute, of Mississippi.—Journal, page 2352.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. HUNT,
EDWARD P. BANKS,
M. J. DURHAM.

Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the credentials of P. G. P. Rev. A. P. Repiton, of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and P. G. M. John How, of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, are correct, and that they are entitled to seats on this floor.

WM. A. BELL,
AMOS MATHEWS,
JNO. W. PRUETT.

Rep. Ninde, of Maryland, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Marvland. which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to lay our grievance before that honorable body, and urge the necessity of further action on sections three and four of article sixteen of their Constitution.

On motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, the Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, viz: the consideration of the pending amendments to the Constitution.

Rep. Howe, of Missouri, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The question being on the motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, indefinitely to postpone the proposed amendment to the Constitution on page 2339, in the words following:

Amend article nine by striking out section two and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction five thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over thirty thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives. And no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives.

And the yeas and nays being required—

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The question recurring on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Barry of Illinois, Bruce, Clark of Ohio, Coats, Craighead, Curtis, Dodd, Dwinelle, Ellis, English, Gilmore, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Mickel, Monell, Rounsville, Tucker, Whalin—19.

NAYS—Askew, Austin, Banks, Barnard, Barry of Indiana, Bell, Booth, Boylston, Brown, (2 votes,) Butt, Carper, Carr, Cheney, Clark of Florida, Clayton, Coffroth, Colfax, Connelly, Deering, Durham, Eckel, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Gobright, Griffin, Gyles, Hansford, Hodgson, How, Hunt, Johnson, Kellogg, Kennedy, Layton, Marley, (2 votes,) Mathews, Munday, (2 votes,) Ninde, Parmenter, Potter, Pruett, Race, (2 votes,) Remmington, Repiton, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rohrer, (2 votes,) Russel, Senter, Smith of Alabama, Smith of Michigan, Stacey, Stetson, Steele, Straw, Strong, Thayer, Thompson, (2 votes,) Tufts, Van Cleft, Washington, Webster, Wheeler, Williams, Woodbridge, Woolsey, Wolford, Wright—80.

The next proposed amendment to the Constitution, page 2339, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend article nine, section two, by adding at the end thereof the following: Provided, however, that every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over fifteen thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to three votes; and every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over thirty thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to four votes.

On motion of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, to adopt the proposed amendment—

Rep. Gobright, of District of Columbia, moved the previous question; which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Bayley, Barry of Illinois, Barry of Indiana, Bruce, Clark of Ohio, Clayton, Coats, Colfax, Craighead, Curtis, Dodd, Dwinelle, Ellis, English, Froment, Gilmore, Kennedy, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Mickle, Monell, Rounsville, Tucker, Whalin, Woolsey, (2 votes)—27.

NAYS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, Barnard, Bell, Booth, Boylston, Brown, Butt, Carper, Carr, Cheney, Clark of Florida, Coffroth, Connelly, Cunningham, Deering, Durham, Eckel, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foute, Granniss, Glenn, Gobright, Griffin, Gyles, Hansford, Hodgson, How, Hunt, Johnson, Kellogg, Layton, Marley, Mathews, Munday, (2 votes,) Ninde, Parmenter, Potter, (2 votes,) Pruett, Race, (2 votes,) Remmington, Repiton, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rohrer, Russel, Senter, Smith of Alabama, Smith of Michigan, Stacey, Stetson, Steele, Straw, Strong, Thayer, Thompson, (2 votes,) Tufts, Van Cleft, Washington, Webster, Williams, Woodbridge, Wolford, Wright—72.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for one hour, pursuant to the order adopted to that effect.

ONE O CLOCK.

The Lodge having re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, proceeded to the special order, viz: the consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution; pending which—

By general consent, Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order find that the following matters referred to them involve legislative action; and they recommend that their further consideration be transferred to the Legislative Committee:

1. The recommendation of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary relating to the analysis of the statistical reports.

2. The resolutions presented by Rep. Bruce, of Northern New York, and placed on page 2451 of the Journal.

3. The resolutions presented by Rep. Craighead, and placed on page 2458 of the Journal.

4. The resolution presented by Rep. Lamberton, and placed on page 2460 of the Journal, relating to the translation of the work into the Welsh language.

5. The resolution presented by Rep. English, and placed on page 2462 of the Journal, relating to a revision of the odes.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee charged with so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the affliction of our brethren in Norfolk and Portsmouth, and to which was also referred a resolution upon the same subject submitted by Rep. Gyles, of South Carolina, beg leave to report:

The attention of the Order throughout the Union has been turned with deep sympathy to the appalling sufferings of our afflicted brethren in Norfolk and Portsmouth. A terrible scourge, defying medical skill and striking down alike the strong and weak, has been devastating the population of those devoted cities. The wail of the widow and of the orphan, and the cry of a pestilence-stricken people has been borne to our ears. We cannot, it is true, stay the hand of the destroyer; we cannot restore gladness to the broken heart; but we can add our mite to the contributions of the Order, and do something to prevent the horrors of want from being added to the desolations of the pestilence. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated towards the relief of our suffering brethren in Norfolk and Portsmouth, the same to be forthwith disbursed by a special committee of this R. W. Grand Body in such manner as said committee, after due inquiry, shall judge most expedient.

E. C. ROBINSON,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
N. A. THOMPSON.

On motion of Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, the rule was suspended, and the report and resolution were unanimously adopted.

The Chair named Reps. E. C. Robinson, Fitzhugh, and Thompson as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, arose, and, on behalf of the Order and delegation of his State, expressed their deep and heartfelt gratitude for the kindness and sympathy manifested by this Grand Lodge towards their afflicted brethren in the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the special order, viz: proposed amendments to the Constitution.

The next proposed amendment to the Constitution, page 2341, as follows, was considered:

Amend article twelve: strike out "*annually,*" in the first line, and insert "*biennially;*" also, the same amendment to the Constitution by striking out the words "annual" and "annually," wherever they occur with reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and inserting "*biennial*" or "*biennially.*"

On motion of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, to adopt the proposed amendment—

Rep. Washington, of North Carolina, moved the previous question; which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question now be put?" which was adopted. The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, Bayley, Bell, Boylston, Butt, Byron, Carr, Cheney, Clark of Florida, Clark of Ohio, Clayton, Connelly, Craighead, Curtis, Deering, Durham, Dwinelle, Eckel, Ellis, English, Foute, Froment, Granniss, Glenn, Griffin, Gyles, How, Johnson, Kennedy, Lambert, Lamberton, Layton, Marley, Parmenter, Pruett, Race, (2 votes,) Remmington, Rohrer, Thayer, Thompson, Van Cleft, Williams, Wolford—46.

NAYS.—Barnard, Barry of Illinois, Booth, (2 votes,) Brown, Bruce, Carper, (2 votes,) Coats, Coffroth, Colfax, (2 votes,) Dodd, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Gilmore, Gobright, Hansford, Hodgson, Hunt, Kellogg, Lewis, Mathews, Mickle, Monell, Munday, (2 votes,) Ninde, Potter, (2 votes,) Repiton, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rounsville, Russel, Senter, Smith of Alabama, Smith of Michigan, Stacey, Stetson, Steele, Straw, Strong, Tucker, Tufts, Washington, Webster, Whalin, Woodbridge, Woolsey, (2 votes,) Wright—54.

The next proposed amendment, page 2341, as follows was considered:

Amend section two of article nine to read as follows: Grand Representatives shall be appointed as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction five thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction twenty thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall ever have over three Grand Representatives.

And the question being on adopting the proposed amendment—
The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Bruce, Clark of Ohio, Clayton, Coats, Craighead, Curtis, Dwinelle, Dodd, English, Froment, Gilmore, Kennedy, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Mickle, Monell, Rounsville, Tucker, Van Cleft, Whalin—21.

NAYS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, (2 votes,) Barnard, Bayley, Barry of Illinois, Bell, Booth, (2 votes,) Boylston, Brown, Butt, Byron, Carper, Carr, Cheney, Clark of Florida, Coffroth, Colfax, (2 votes,) Connelly, Deering, Durham, Eckel, Ellis, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foute, Granniss, Glenn, Gobright, Griffin, Gyles, Hansford, Hodgson, How, Hunt, Johnson, Kellogg, Layton, Marley, Mathews, Munday, (2 votes,) Ninde, Parmenter, Potter, (2 votes,) Pruett, Race, (2 votes,) Remmington, Repiton, Rich, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) J. H. Robinson, Rohrer, Russel, Senter, Smith of Alabama, Smith of Michigan, Stacey, Stetson, Steele, Strong, Thayer, Thompson, Tufts, Washington, Webster, Williams, Woodbridge, Woolsey, (2 votes,) Wolford, Wright—79.

So the proposed amendment was not adopted.

Two and a half o'clock, the hour fixed for adjournment for this day, having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: William Ellison, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Bruce, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

P. G. Rep. J. W. Hale, of Southern New York, the appointed R. W. Grand Marshal, appeared, was presented by the R. W. Grand Marshal *p. t.*, Bro. William Curtis, of Pennsylvania, and was duly installed into office by the M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the credentials of P. H. P. John Ufford, from the Grand Encampment of Iowa, and P. G. M. Cassedy, from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, respectfully report said credentials to be in proper form, and that said brethren are entitled to seats on this floor.

WM. A. BELL,
AMOS MATHEWS,
JNO. W. PRUETT.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the annual report of the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to employing an Assistant Secretary to aid in collating and examining the vital statistics of the Order, and so much as relates to amending the form of annual returns from State Grand Bodies, respectfully report:

That the necessity of the employment of an Assistant Grand Secretary is contingent upon the continuance of the demand upon the Subordinate Grand Lodges for the vital statistics of the Order. A fair trial of the experiment of obtaining these returns has been made, and the committee is satisfied, from the admissions in the annual report of the Grand Secretary, from communication with the Representatives from various sections of the Union, and from its own knowledge through the personal examination of its members within their several jurisdictions, that the whole matter is an absolute and entire failure. Not only is the information received so imperfect as to be useless, but there is every reason to believe that it is so incorrect as to mislead in relation to the vital statistics of the Order. Believing, therefore, that the Order at large should be relieved from the laborious duty of collecting these statistics,

and deeming it inexpedient in the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge to incur additional and uncalled for expenditures, the committee recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution to repeal the law previously adopted by the Grand Lodge on this subject.

On the second subject of reference the committee report an amendment of the By-Laws, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Secretary.

*Resolved*, That the law passed at the session of 1853, requiring certain statistical returns in connexion with dues and benefits, be and the same is hereby repealed.

*Resolved*, That article ten of the by-laws be amended by striking out the words "amount of money in the treasury, amount of the widow and orphan funds, and the amount of investments," in the eighth and ninth lines.

*Resolved*, That article ten of the by-laws be amended by inserting after the word receipts in the eighth line, the following words: "Number of Lodges under each jurisdiction, of reinstatements, of brothers relieved, of widowed families relieved, and of the mortality and burials during the year."

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Stacey, of Michigan, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the amendments, and find their provisions in harmony with the constitution and laws of this Grand Body. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, adopted by that body at its annual session in February, 1855, be and the same are hereby approved.

W. L. STEELE,
C. A. STACEY.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of four Subordinate Lodges from the Territory of Oregon, having thirteen Past Grands, and all working under warrants granted by this Grand Lodge, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, beg leave to report favorably, and recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located in Oregon city, in the Territory of Oregon, and known as the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

G. W. RACE,
J. M. WHEELER,
F. M. BROWN.

Rep. Race, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom were referred sundry petitions for charters for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, beg leave to report favorably, and recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, to be located at Olympia, in the Territory of Washington, and that the action of the Executive in the premises during the recess be confirmed.

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, to be located in Nebraska city, in the Territory of Nebraska, and that the action of the Executive in the premises during the recess be confirmed.

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Walker Encampment, No. 5, to be located at Washington, in the State of Arkansas, and that the action of the Executive in the premises during the recess of this Grand Lodge be confirmed.

G. W. RACE,
J. M. WHEELER,
F. M. BROWN.

Rep. Race, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To *the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition from Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, and Paradise Lodge, No. 2, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, requesting an alteration in the by-laws of their Grand Lodge so as to permit the establishment of some new tribunal to whom they should communicate and make their wants known, instead of to the Executive Officers of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to make any special legislation of the kind desired. They therefore ask to be excused from the further consideration of this subject.

G. W. RACE,
J. M. WHEELER,
F. M. BROWN.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Commitee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the accompanying proposed Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, have considered the same and ask leave to report:

That said Constitution is, in the main, a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and contains, in the opinion of the committee, no provision incompatible with the general laws and usages of the Order, except one to be found in the third section of the third article. That section prescribes the attainment of the royal purple

degree as a necessary qualification for the office of Grand Master. This cannot be done, and hence the committee propose to strike out the words "Grand Master or" in the second and third lines. With this amendment, the committee recommend the confirmation of the instrument.

The committee would also suggest, with great deference, that inasmuch as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts contains the provision referred to, it should be altered by their Grand Lodge, to make it conform to the general law.

WALTER L. STEELE,
C. A. STACEY,
W. P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Steele, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the accompanying amendments proposed to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, have considered the same, and beg leave to report that said amendments, not being inconsistent with the laws of this Grand Lodge, should be confirmed.

WALTER L. STEELE,
CONSIDER A. STACEY,
WILLIAM P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Steele, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report as follows upon the by-laws of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 34, Pictou, Nova Scotia:

The Grand Lodge of the United States has, at the present session, granted a charter establishing a Grand Lodge for the "Lower Provinces of British North America," which includes all the Lodges of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island. The committee have in charge the constitution which it has presented, and, as it will probably be confirmed by this Grand Lodge, there is no necessity of further action upon the by-laws referred to. To the New Grand Lodge belongs the power of revising or confirming them.

WALTER L. STEELE,
C. A. STACEY,
W. P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Steele, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the accompanying proposed amendments to the by-laws of Montezuma Lodge, Santa Fe, have considered the same and ask leave to report that said

amendments *seem* to be right and not conflicting at all with the general law. The committee have had, however, no copy of the by-laws of the Lodge by which they could determine with precision the question of consonance; but, from the subject and the evident connexions, have no doubt of the propriety of a confirmation.

WALTER L. STEELE,
CONSIDER A. STACEY,
WILLIAM P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, report:

The committee reserve the third point decided by the Grand Sire to be considered in a separate report, in connexion with a resolution referred to them. The other points are for the most part sustained by precedent, and are correctly decided. The committee recommend their confirmation by the Grand Lodge.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which were referred the reports of the deputation to the British Provinces, report:

The committee find in the reports nothing requiring the action of the Grand Lodge beyond that already had.

The mission has been executed with the highest fidelity, and the revival of an interest in Odd-Fellowship in the British jurisdictions is an occasion of sincere congratulation. The vigilance, promptitude, sound judgment, and perseverance which have prevailed in the efforts to restore this section of the Order, have met with due success, and are entitled to the warmest praise.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Rounsville, page 2460 of the Journal, report:

The resolution has been considered in connexion with the third decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, announced in his report.

The requirement of the Constitution is that "a Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing and a member of a Lodge in good standing." This qualification is original and continuing, and, if interrupted by the briefest cessation of membership, disappears, and with it the official position dependent upon it. The committee cannot accept the construction of the Constitution expressed in the resolution, for the reason that the Grand Lodge, in its legislation upon subjects analogous to that under consideration, has found it necessary to make special provision for the restoration of privileges, upon a renewal of membership, which had been lost by a temporary withdrawal, implying thereby that the general principle was adverse to such restoration, and that exceptional cases must be relieved by particular enactment. In the present case the difficulty can only be met by legislation.

The committee therefore recommend that the third point decided by the Grand Sire be confirmed.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which were referred the queries from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, (page 2460 of the Journal,) ask leave to report in reply thereto:

1. That the right to charge for visiting or withdrawal cards is to be regulated by the local jurisdiction.

2. That where the local law requires payment for a card, the Lodge, or the officer whose duty it is to issue it, has the right to require payment therefor before delivering it.

3. That where the applicant for membership is a citizen or subject of a foreign Power, and only a *temporary* resident within the jurisdiction of the Grand of the United States, he cannot be initiated into the Order. Your committee regards residence as an elementary qualification for membership. The committee is of opinion that an individual can have only one legal residence, and where such residence is under a foreign Power, a *temporary* residence within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States can confer no new rights.

4. If your committee understands this inquiry, it is of opinion that the certificate is merely *prima facie* evidence of qualification. If a Grand Body ascertains that the facts asserted in the certificate are incorrectly stated, the certificate may be set aside and the seat founded thereon may be vacated. Where the fundamental regulation does not otherwise provide, every representative body must judge for itself of the qualification of its members.

5. This Grand Lodge at its last session (page 2310) refused to consent to the admission of the *daughters* of Odd-Fellows to the degree

of Rebekah. Still less would *adopted* daughters be entitled to this privilege, more especially under the circumstances stated in the inquiry. The committee answers in the negative.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
WM. E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry presented by Rep. Monell, on page 2463 of the Journal, report:

There is an obvious error in the inquiry, as it appears in the Journal. The committee reply to it as if "before" were written instead of "after" where it occurs a second time, "and before notice thereof," &c. The committee are of the opinion that if a member wilfully absents himself with the evident purpose of avoiding the service of notice, he may be expelled for contempt. Beyond this the Lodge cannot proceed in action based upon the filing of charges.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions of Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, report:

That the only funeral regalia provided for by existing laws of this Grand Lodge is substantially the same as that described in the first of said resolutions. Whether the usual regalia of the Order shall, upon funeral occasions, be worn with or as a substitute for said funeral regalia, depends upon the legislation of the State Grand Bodies. Therefore your committee say that the adoption of said resolutions by this Grand Lodge would be inexpedient and improper.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
W. E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the queries of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, to be found on page 2461 of the Journal, beg leave to report that said questions are to be determined by the proper authorities and according to the laws of the State jurisdictions in which they arise, and not by this Grand Lodge.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
W. E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Teoronto Lodge, No. 10, against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Northern New York in reversing the action of Teoronto Lodge by which Bro. S. P. W. Douglass was stricken from the roll of that Lodge, and directing said Teoronto Lodge to restore said brother to all the rights and privileges which he had prior to said action, would respectfully report:

That on the 26th day of February, 1844, S. P. W. Douglass was admitted into membership in Teoronto Lodge, No. 10, in regular form, as an ancient Odd-Fellow. On the 3d of November, 1851, he was, by the action of Teoronto Lodge, stricken from its roll of members, on the alleged ground that at the time he was admitted to its membership as an ancient Odd-Fellow he was in fact a suspended member of Franklin Lodge, No. 24, in the same jurisdiction. The truth or falsity of this alleged fact, upon which Teoronto Lodge grounded its action in the premises, constitutes the only point involved in the appeal.

To sustain his position of having been an ancient Odd-Fellow at the time of his admission as a member of Teoronto Lodge, Bro. Douglass produced in evidence a card issued in due form, purporting to be under the seal of Franklin Lodge, No. 24, attested by its officers, countersigned by the then Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and bearing date on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1840. This card certifies "that our well-beloved brother S. P. W. Douglass was regularly admitted a member of our Lodge on the 30th day of October, 1839, by initiation. And these are further to certify that said brother has paid all demands up to this date, and is now free from our Lodge."

To meet the effect of this card, it is alleged by Teoronto Lodge, first, that the same is either a forgery or was fraudulently issued to Bro. Douglass by Franklin Lodge, No. 24, after this controversy arose; secondly, that this card is not a card of withdrawal, but a visiting card, and that Bro. Douglass was subsequently suspended by Franklin Lodge, No. 24, for non-payment of dues; thirdly, that Bro. Douglass was not in fact clear of the books of Franklin Lodge, No. 24, at the time this card was issued. Much written and oral testimony has been taken by the respective parties, but we concur with the R. W. Grand Lodge of Northern New York in giving a decisive effect to the card issued to Bro. Douglass by Franklin Lodge, No. 24.

At the time this card purports to have been issued to Bro. Douglass no general form of visiting or withdrawal cards had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, but each local Grand Body used its own form of cards. The State of New York had two forms of card—one called a "card of withdrawal," and the other a "visiting card." The card issued to Bro. Douglass by Franklin Lodge, No. 24, is in the form used by the Grand Lodge of New York at the time it

purports to bear date for cards of withdrawal, and contains upon its margin, over the signature of the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, as an engraved portion of its substance, the following note, which has hitherto been overlooked in the trial and discussion of the case, namely: "*Note:* This card will expire for visiting at the end of one year from date, but will remain evidence of *honorable withdrawal* from this Lodge."

We deem this clause conclusive on the question of the effect of the card, and that it was a card of withdrawal. We are also of opinion that the card is a genuine one, issued at the time it bears date; and even if this card were not genuine, or no card at all were presented in evidence, still the record contains a certificate made by order of Franklin Lodge, No. 24, issued under its seal and the hands of its officers, bearing date August 16th, 1853, which distinctly sets forth the fact that a card of withdrawal was granted to Bro. Douglass by that Lodge on October 21st, 1840. This certificate is objected to by Teoronto Lodge, No. 10, as *ex parte*, but in our opinion it is no more *ex parte* than a card of withdrawal is. If the certificate was imperfect, Teoronto Lodge could call for, and, through the authority of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, no doubt compel a further certificate, embracing all essential particulars. As to the point that Bro. Douglass's account was not accurately stated and closed at the time of the issue of the card to him, we have no doubt that he then paid into the treasury of the Lodge, in good faith, all that was required of him; and, even conceding that a mistake was made in stating the account, Bro. Douglass ought not to be prejudiced thereby.

We have not overlooked the testimony adduced to the effect that Bro. Douglass made repeated declarations in conversation that he was a suspended member of Franklin Lodge, No. 24, at the time he was admitted as a member of Teoronto Lodge, No. 10. But, in addition to the inherent infirmity, which is generally and justly attributed to this kind of testimony the effect of these declarations is still further impaired by the fact that they were made after the period of eleven years had elapsed from the granting of his card; that his card was at the time probably in the possession of Teoronto Lodge, as it ought to be there; and that from these causes he may easily have mistaken his position in the Order, liable, as inexpert brethren are, to confound the disabilities of a suspended member with those of an ancient Odd-Fellow. But in no conceivable case could such declarations override the effect of a card of withdrawal regularly and legally issued, as in this case.

We therefore present the following resolution, and recommend that it be adopted:

*Resolved*, That the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Northern New York in relation to Teoronto Lodge, No. 10, in the case of Bro. S. P. W. Douglass, be affirmed.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH.
P. C. SMITH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of instructions from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, presented to the last session of this Body by Rep. Glenn, favorable to a law requiring all legislative business to be transacted by Subordinate Lodges in the scarlet degree, and prohibiting any but members of that degree from recommending candidates for initiation, would respectfully report that in their opinion the proposed change would be of such doubtful policy, and might tend to decrease the attendance at our Lodge meetings so largely that we are compelled to recommend that it shall not be adopted.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Colfax, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania relative to "a revision of the odes for Subordinate Lodges," beg leave to report that the great body of the Order seems to be satisfied with the present version of the odes and with the number as now published by this Grand Lodge. They therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Colfax, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions of Rep. Craighead, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, found on page 2460 of the Journal, respectfully report that the subject-matter has been already disposed of, and therefore no further action on the subject is necessary.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Colfax, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions communicated by Rep. Bruce, of Northern New York, as adopted in that jurisdiction, (page 2453 of the Journal,) respectfully report:

1. That so much of said resolutions as refers to the suspension of a Patriarch in his Encampment as a result of his suspension by or a withdrawal from his Subordinate Lodge, is at present governed by the decisions printed on pages 1029 and 1058 of the Journal; and the committee, concurring in the propriety of those decisions, report that no new legislation is required on the subject.

2. That so much of said resolutions as refers to a change of representation in this R. W. Body has been already disposed of by action at this session of the Grand Lodge.

3. That so much of said resolutions as refer to merging the two bodies of the Order is already before the Grand Lodge on a proposition to amend the Constitution, and therefore no further action is required.

4. The committee deem it inexpedient to make any change in the present law which forbids a membership in Subordinate Encampments independent of a membership in Subordinate Lodges.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the accompanying Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, beg leave to recommend its confirmation, with the following amendments:

1st. Strike out of the 4th section of the third article the following words in the last line: "and the royal purple," and insert in the line preceding, between the words "Vice Grands" and "Noble Grands," the word "and." A Grand *Lodge* judicially knows nothing of any other degrees than those which belong to its jurisdiction, and hence cannot require any of its members to be in possession of them.

WALTER L. STEELE,
C. A. STACEY,
WM. P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Steele, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, beg leave to report:

That the same should be confirmed by this Grand Body, with the following amendments: 1st, Strike out of the first section of the fifth article the following words: "who shall be elected for two years." The reason for this is, that the uniform term of service for Grand Officers of State Grand Bodies is, by the law of the Grand Lodge, *one year.* 2d. Strike out of the third clause of the fourth section of the

fifteenth article the following words in the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth lines: "but if a renewal of a visiting card be refused, it shall not affect the right of an absent brother to a withdrawal card, under the provisions of the first clause of this section." If there is sufficient reason ever to withhold a visiting card, a withdrawal card should not be granted. If a member is in good standing, he has a right to demand either at his pleasure; if he is not, the Lodge should grant neither. Add to clause five of section eleven, of same article, the words, "and then only with the consent of the jurisdiction in which the applicant resides." This amendment is necessary to make the clause conform to the general laws.

WALTER L. STEELE,
CONSIDER A. STACEY,
WILLIAM P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Steele, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, beg leave to report the same back to the Grand Lodge and recommend its confirmation.

WALTER L. STEELE,
C. A. STACEY,
WM. P. RUSSEL.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business of last session, page 2472 of the Journal.

The report being under consideration—

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved to refer so much of the report as refers to a resolution offered by him on page 2247 Journal of last session; so much as refers to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the report of the Legislative Committee thereon, pages 2315, 2295, Journal of last session; and so much as refers to the resolution offered by Rep. Day, page 2310 Journal, to the Legislative Committee; which was adopted.

On the further motion of Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, the residue of the report was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article three section one of Constitution, so that the last clause thereof shall read as follows:

"And shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication."

Rep. Kennedy laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, article nine, section two, to read as follows:

"Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes. And no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time."

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for examination, having attended to that duty, beg leave to offer the following report:

That the returns from the following Grand Lodges are correct, viz: Maryland, New Hampshire, Georgia, Arkansas, Minnesota, Southern New York, Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Ohio, Missouri, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Maine, Florida, New Jersey, Louisiana, Delaware, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Vermont.

The returns from the following Grand Lodges are incorrect in certain particulars, viz: Michigan, in not being signed by the G. Secretary; Illinois, not signed by the Grand Master; North Carolina, deficient of returns from 23; Iowa, from 6; Kentucky, from 13; and California from 17 Subordinate Lodges.

The returns from the following Grand Encampments are correct, viz: New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maryland, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, Texas, Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Kentucky, District of Columbia, Southern New York, California, Northern New York, and Wisconsin.

The returns from the following Subordinate Encampments are correct, viz: Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, December 31, 1854; Pacific No. 2, December 31, 1854; Parker, No. 3, December 31, 1854; Washington, No. 2, December 31, 1854; Golden Gate, No. 1, December 31, 1854; Fort Smith, No. 3, December 31, 1854, also for June 30th, 1855; Ridgely, No. 1, June 30th, 1855.

The returns from the following Subordinate Encampments are incorrect: Mamberton, No. 9, December 31, 1854, has no date or seal; for June 30th, 1855, no seal or date, and inconsistent with former report in the number of members; Washington, No. 2, December 31, 1854, unaccompanied with dues; Ridgely, No. 1, December 31, 1854, unaccompanied with dues; Ascutney, No. 2, December 31, 1854, unaccompanied with dues; also for January 31, 1855, unaccompanied with dues; Green Mountain, No. 2, December 30, 1854, unaccompanied with dues; also for January 31, 1855, unaccompanied with dues.

The returns from the following Subordinate Lodges are correct, viz: Cobequid, No. 34, June 30, '55; Paradise, No. 2, Dec. 31, '54; Che-

meketa, No. 1, July 1, '54; also for July 1, '55; Montezuma, No. 1, Dec. 30, '54; Excelsior, No. 1, June 30, '54; also for Dec. 31, '54; Samaritan, No. 2, June 30th, '54, and Dec. 31, '54; Eastern Star, No. 34, Feb. '55; Acadia, No. 26, June 30, '55.

The returns from the following Subordinate Lodges are incorrect, viz:

Albany, No. 4, Dec. 31, '54—number of members not reported; Oregon, No. 3, June 30, '54; also for Jan. 1, '55—no seal attached; Montezuma, No. 1, Dec. 31, '54—no dues or contributions reported; Eastern Star, No. 34, July 1, '55—no amount of receipts stated; Acadia, No. 26, without seal.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
HENRY S. AUSTIN,
HENRY ECKEL.

Rep. Stacey, of Michigan, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions would beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, referred to them; that they find them correct and in accordance with the laws and rules of this Grand Lodge.

They recommend that each of said Constitution and By-Laws be approved, and that the following resolution be adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and the Constitution of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, be approved.

WALTER L. STEELE,
C. A. STACEY,
WM. P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which were referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California in reference to the appeal of Charles J. Collins from the action of Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, ask leave to report that they have given to the question involved in this matter such consideration as its importance demands and their other engagements would admit.

The facts seem to be that Yerba Buena Lodge provides by its by-laws that the sessions of the Lodge shall be opened with prayer, and it is made the duty of the sitting Past Grand to officiate as Chaplain in the absence of that officer. In the absence of the Chaplain, P. G. Collins, who was the sitting Past Grand, was requested to officiate as Chaplain, which he peremptorily refused, assigning as a reason that he could not conscientiously do so. P. G. Collins was subsequently fined for his neglect of duty one dollar, and a motion to remit this fine was ruled out of order by the N. G. An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of California, which body has suspended its action on the

appeal until the decision of this Grand Body shall be made on the question, "Has a Subordinate Lodge a right to enact a law making it obligatory upon the junior Past Grand of a Lodge to perform the duty of Chaplain of said Lodge, or, if declining to perform said duty, is it competent for said Lodge to fine him for non-performance of duty?"

Your committee, with some hesitation, has attained the conclusion that it is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to enforce, by fine, the discharge of such duty. Your committee is of opinion that it is highly desirable and eminently proper that all Lodges should open and close with prayer, but that it is not competent to require the performance of this ceremony under the sanction of penalties. This Grand Body does not recognise prayer as an integral part of the work, except in Encampments, and, with the broad margin of faith admitted in the membership, a brother cannot be required to discharge a duty which requires a violation of his conscience. More injury would be inflicted upon the prosperity of the Order by imposing duties not regarded as a necessary element to membership, than can possibly follow from a different construction; and the committee advise that the inquiry from California be answered in the negative. The same excuse would not suffice, upon refusal by the proper officer to pronounce the prayer in the Encampment degrees.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the expenses of this Grand Lodge greatly exceed her annual revenue, thereby creating the necessity for some immediate change in the one or the other, or pecuniary embarrassment must soon follow: and whereas the membership at large are not willing to pay an increased rate for supplies, but, on the contrary, several of the larger jurisdictions have demanded them at reduced rates: therefore be it

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to provide a permanent remedy whereby all pecuniary embarrassments of this R. W. Body may be avoided.

*Resolved*, That this object can be accomplished by a reduction in the rate of mileage and per diem allowed to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge. Be it further

*Resolved*, That from and after . . . . . the pay of representatives to and officers of this body (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed) shall be two dollars per diem during their actual attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and three cents per mile for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge and back again; said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

Pending the consideration of these resolutions, the hour of 10 o'clock, the time fixed for going into secret session, having arrived, the Chair declared the ordinary session of the Grand Lodge closed, and the Lodge resolved itself into secret session for the purpose of instruction in the work.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when the hour of 3½ o'clock, fixed for adjournment, having arrived, the Lodge adjourned until this evening at 7½ o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING—7½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: William Ellison, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

On motion, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session for instruction in the work.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* on Saturday next, at 12 o'clock m.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was agreed to.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to sell the revised Journal to State Grand Bodies, or individuals taking five copies or upwards, at five dollars per copy.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of James Burke from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and of A. Shinkle from a decision of the same Grand Lodge, beg leave to report:

That the papers in these appeals refer to a certain "code of trials" pertaining to that jurisdiction which has not been laid before your committee. Without this code the committee are unable to decide the questions involved in the appeals.

The adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Appeals be discharged from the further consideration of the appeals above mentioned; but without prejudice to the rights of the several applicants to mature the same for the action of this Grand Body at its next session, should they think proper then to present the same.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
P. C. SMITH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolutions, which were ordered to lie on the table:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* on to-morrow, (Friday,) 21st inst., at 3½ o'clock p. m.

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Baltimore.

Rep. Stacey, of Michigan, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, adopted at its session in August, 1855, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the Constitution referred to them; that by the second section of article 3, in the Constitution, it is provided that the candidates for Grand Master shall have attained the royal purple degree, and be members in good standing in a Subordinate Encampment. In their opinion the State Grand Lodges have no power to legislate in regard to the Encampment degrees, or to make any such law in regard to qualifications for office. It does not seem to us possible that Grand Lodges, as now constituted, can be in any way able to determine whether a brother has attained the R. P. degree or not.

They would therefore recommend that such Constitution be amended by striking out in the third and fourth lines of section second, in article 3, the words "Grand Master and," and that the Constitution, being so amended, be approved by this Grand Lodge.

They also present the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the words "Grand Master and," in the third and fourth lines of the second section of article 3 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, be stricken out, and the Constitution thus amended be approved by this Grand Lodge.

WALTER L. STEELE,
C. A. STACEY,
W. P. RUSSEL.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, offered the following resolution, and moved its reference to the Legislative Committee, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a brother who, from advanced age, sickness, or constitutional infirmity, is incapable of being received into membership in a Subordinate Lodge, with the full benefits of the Order, may nevertheless be received as a member entitled to the social benefits of the Order, on his own proposition to renounce all pecuniary benefits; and a contract to that effect will be binding, provided the same be in writing and signed by such brother.

Also, the following resolution, which was referred to the same committee:

*Resolved*, That all appeal papers on appeals brought before this R. W. Grand Lodge be furnished by the appealing parties, printed in pamphlet form, on a page of the same size as that of the printed journal of proceedings of this Grand Lodge; and in default thereof the respective appeal shall be liable to be referred back for informality.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, presented the following resolution, and moved that the same, together with the report of the Committee on the State of Order to be found at page 2289 of the printed Journal, being a portion of the unfinished business of the last session of this body, and relating to the same subject, be referred to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report thereon; which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That in the case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members refusing to accept the office, the Lodge may elect a scarlet member to the office; provided, however, that a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

Also, the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

*Resolved*, That the accounts of P. D. Grand Sire S. H. Parker, of California, with this Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to act in the adjustment of the same.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Charleston.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved to amend by striking out "Charleston" and inserting "Nashville."

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved further to amend by striking out "Charleston" and inserting "Sacramento City, California."

On motion, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Repiton, of North Carolina, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the very sumptuous and truly fraternal festival given to the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Body on the evening of the 19th inst. And that a copy of this resolution be duly certified by the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary, and under the seal of this Grand Lodge be transmitted to said Grand Lodge.

Rep. Woodbridge, of Vermont, offered the following resolution, and moved to refer the same to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That per diem pay be allowed to Reps. Steele, Connelly, and Russel, members of the mergement committee, during the time said committee were in session previous to the opening of this Lodge.

Rep. Van Cleft, of California, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges have no right to refuse to members, who purpose a temporary residence in California, the full amount of benefits to which they would be entitled if they had remained in their own jurisdictions.

Rep. Rounsville, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, which was adopted, and the Chair named Reps. Rounsville, Colfax, and Race, as the committee provided for by the resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of reporting a form for opening and closing the degree of Rebekah, to report at the present session.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved to take up the resolution offered this morning by Rep. Race, upon the subject of the finances of the Grand Lodge, page 2491; which was agreed to.

And the resolution being under consideration—

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved that it be made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; which was agreed to.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, and moved its reference to the Legislative Committee; which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a dispensation cannot be granted to qualify a member of the scarlet degree to pass the Vice Grand's chair without service, for the purpose of electing him to the Noble Grand's chair, his Lodge at the time having one or more Past Grands.

Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, asked and obtained leave of absence for to-morrow.

Rep. Van Cleft, of California, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be requested to inquire into the propriety of causing a fourth volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States to be bound, and an index of the same to be prepared after the style of the general index.

Rep. Banks, of Maine, from the special committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Lodge of California in regard to the suspended members of other jurisdictions resident in that State, have had the subject under consideration, and ask leave to report:

In order that the Grand Lodge and the Order throughout the country may understand what our California brethren ask for, the committee have thought it best to state briefly the substance of their address.

In the rush that has been going on for four or five years past from the older States to California, it has carried with it thousands of Odd-Fellows who, having neglected to keep their dues paid up in the Subordinate Lodges to which they were attached, have, by the operation of the laws of those Lodges, become suspended. The conditions of reinstatement in those Lodges, and of obtaining a clearance card, (necessary and indispensable steps which must be taken before they can again join the Order,) are, in most cases, the payment of the amount due the Lodge at the time of suspension, together with all that has accrued since suspension. Our California brethren ask to be relieved from the operation of these laws; or, in other words, they desire that the Grand Lodge of the United States should pass a law allowing them to join the Order in California without the usual deposit of clearance cards, and without their making any efforts to settle their accounts with the Lodge they have left, upon their making certain to the Lodge they propose to join that they have been suspended for the non-payment of dues and for no other cause; and, when received into fellowship, the Lodges they join are to notify the Lodges in which they stand suspended of their admission, and request that their names be stricken

from the black list. There is scarcely a Lodge throughout the length and breadth of the country which is not directly interested in the disposition of this subject. The committee have, therefore, been thus explicit in stating these points in the address.

The committee, in considering the subject, took up, first of all, the question of jurisdiction. How far has this Grand Lodge power for relief or restraint in the premises? It was agreed quite unanimously that this Grand Lodge has authority to say, and does say, that no change of membership shall take place under any circumstances without the usual deposit of a regularly authenticated clearance card.

The terms upon which the card is to be obtained are left where they ought to be left, with the Subordinate Lodge; for it has been the well-established practice of this body to recognise the power of a Subordinate Lodge over its financial affairs as "a delicate, sacred, and highly cherished prerogative," and to sustain which produced the separation of the Order in this country from the Manchester Unity of England.

In conclusion, while your committee are clearly of opinion that this Grand Lodge has no power to grant the request of the Grand Lodge of California, yet they believe that the several Subordinate Lodges from which brothers have been suspended, under circumstances as stated in the address to this Grand Lodge, will, upon proper application, be inclined to take all such cases into favorable consideration, and compromise any claims they may have upon them.

EDWARD P. BANKS,
WM. A. BELL,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
H. G. STETSON,
C. A. STACEY,
E. S. FULLER,
JOHN A. GYLES,
H. N. CLARK,
WM. CURTIS.

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: William Ellison, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Bruce, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred a copy of a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania instructing the Representatives of that State in this R. W. Body to "use their efforts to effect a return of the assessment tax of 1849," beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of a majority of this committee the said tax was legally and constitutionally imposed, and at that time necessary to meet the current expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States; that, constituted as our Order is, such a tax must be necessary whenever the current ordinary revenue shall be found to be insufficient for that purpose; and that no jurisdiction should be entitled to claim a return of any portion of the tax so paid, though subsequently to its payment the state of the finances of this Grand Lodge might admit of such a return. But in the present state of these finances, and in view of the fact that this same claim has more than once before been urged and rejected, your committee ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

N. A. THOMPSON,
W. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Munday, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

To your Committee on Finance has been referred certain proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which are to be found on the printed Journal of present session at page 2466, in regard to refunding to said Grand Encampment fifty dollars, Representative tax. This demand grew out of the action of this Grand Lodge in rejecting H. N. Clarke and H. H. Dodd as Representatives from said Grand Encampment, by passing the following resolution, to be found at page 2315 of the Journal, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That neither H. N. Clarke nor H. H. Dodd are entitled to a seat upon this floor, as the credentials of neither are properly authenticated."

Your committee are of the opinion, and so report, that the failure or neglect of a Subordinate to properly elect her Representatives, or the commission of errors or irregularities in such election, does not relieve such Subordinate from an obligation to pay her annual Representative tax, as such tax is not apportioned according to the actual number of Representatives present at the session, but upon the basis of the number to which she is entitled. Your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. S. MUNDAY,
N. A. THOMPSON,
WM. CURTIS.

Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be directed to take into consideration the propriety of this Grand Lodge assisting our brethren at Honolulu to build a hall suitable for their purposes, and to report some plan by which that object may be accomplished.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Stetson, of Grand Encampment of Louisiana, on account of illness in his family.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Coats, of Ohio, on account of sickness.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Munday, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution in regard to the propriety of this Grand Lodge assisting their brethren at Honolulu in building a hall, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee, although fully appreciating the necessities of their brothers at Honolulu, are constrained, from the depressed condition of the finances of this Grand Lodge, to report that they think it inexpedient to take any action upon the subject at this time. They ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

W. S. MUNDAY,
N. A. THOMPSON,
WM. CURTIS.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following communication:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned respectfully solicits the acceptance, by your honorable body, of the accompanying group of lithographic portraits of the Past Grand Sires of the Grand Lodge of the United States, recently issued by them from the office of the "Odd-Fellows' Literary Casket," Cincinnati. The portraits are copied from those taken by order of your honorable body.

In friendship, love and truth,

TURNER & GRAY, *Publishers.*

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article third, section first, of the Constitution as follows: Strike out "on the first day of the stated communication next ensuing their election," and insert "on the last day of the same session, after the business has been completed."

Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article two of the Constitution: strike out the words "and Grand Encampments." Amend article nine: strike out the words "and Grand Encampment or Grand Encampments" wherever they occur. Amend article twelve: strike out the words "and Grand Encampments." Amend article fourteen, section two; strike out the words "and Grand Encampments."

Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Amend article twelve: strike out "annually" in the first line, and insert "biennially;" also the same amendment to the Constitution by striking out the words "annual and annually" wherever they occur with reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and inserting "biennial or biennially."

Also, to amend article nine by striking out the word "two" where it occurs in the third line before the word years, and insert "four;" and strike out "annually" in the fourth line, and insert "every two years."

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report that after a careful examination of the various papers and documents placed in their possession, they discover nothing which requires any further action of this Grand Lodge. The subject-matters contained in the different communications in our possession have either been acted upon or referred to appropriate committees.

The Order, we are happy to say, is generally in a healthy and prosperous condition.

E. C. ROBINSON,
J. K. CONNELLY,
ISAAC W. MICKLE.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of California: "That all appeal papers on appeals brought before this R. W. Grand Lodge be furnished by the appealing parties, printed in pamphlet form, on a page of the same size as that of the printed Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and in default thereof the respective appeal shall be liable to be referred back for informality," would recommend its adoption.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Colfax, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of California: "That a brother who, from advanced age, sickness, or constitutional infirmity, is incapable of being received into membership in a Subordinate Lodge, with the full benefits of the Order, may nevertheless be received as a member entitled to the social benefits of the Order, on his own proposition to

renounce all pecuniary benefits; and a contract to that effect will be binding, provided the same be in writing and signed by such brother," would respectfully report:

That they deem it inexpedient, by the adoption of the law suggested, to authorise the admission of two distinct classes of members to our Lodges, beneficial and non-beneficial. Besides the inevitable tendency towards discord which these antagonistical elements would create, the proposition is such a wide divergence from the theory and the fundamental principles of the Order that the committee deem it their duty to report against it.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Gobright, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution requesting them to inquire into the propriety of causing a fourth volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States to be bound and an Index of the same prepared, respectfully submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a fourth volume be bound, in accordance with the resolution referred to the Committee on Printing; that it include the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the years 1852, 1853, 1854, and 1855; and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorised to prepare, or cause to be prepared, an Index to the same similar to that of the Revised Journal of Proceedings.

L. A. GOBRIGHT,
R. M. JOHNSON,
WM. BAYLEY.

Rep. Munday, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of P. D. G. Sire S. H. Parker, of California, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and submit that they have settled and adjusted the same upon the principles of equity, and have agreed that upon the said S. H. Parker's paying into the treasury the sum of one hundred and three dollars and fifty-five cents, the Grand Secretary execute to the said Parker a receipt in full of amounts coming to the Grand Lodge on account of said adjusted matter, Rep. Dwinelle, from California, agreeing to draw upon Bro. Parker for the same. The Grand Secretary will also surrender to Bro. Purden the drafts heretofore drawn upon Bro. Parker for the same and not accepted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. MUNDAY,
N. A. THOMPSON,
WM. CURTIS.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, (see page 2462,) asking an appropriation to have the work of the Order translated into the Welch language, respectfully report that they have considered the subject, and offer the following resolution for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to have the work of the Order translated into the Welch language, and one hundred copies thereof printed, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend section three, article one, of the Constitution, by striking out in the second line the words "and Grand Encampment," in the seventh line, same article and section, the words "and Grand Encampment," and in the ninth and tenth lines, same article and section, "and two Grand Encampments."

Also, amend each and every article of the Constitution by striking therefrom, whenever it occurs, the word Encampment, and all other words connected with the said word Encampment, so as to make the Constitution perfect without the existence of Grand or Subordinate Encampments.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we now take up the reports of the standing committees, as they appear on the printed Journals, and continue the consideration of the same in regular order until the whole shall have been acted upon.

The Lodge accordingly took up for consideration the report of the Committee on Petitions, page 2454, authorising a charter to Phoenix Lodge, No. 3, of Montreal; which was adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Printing, page 2460, contracting with James Young for the printing of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 2467, being upon the appeal of Thomas Lawrence from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2468, on the appeal of John W. Colley from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, moved to lay the report on the table, which was not agreed to; and the question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the

main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; and the main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ten o'clock, the hour fixed for the consideration of the resolutions of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, page 2491, touching the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to that subject; and the resolution being under consideration—

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved to amend the third resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That from and after ..... the pay of Representatives to and officers of this body (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed) shall be the amount of actual expenses incurred in travelling by the way, direct home, to and from the place of session, as also for board while in attendance.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina," and it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolutions of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Austin, Barnard, Barry of Indiana, Boylston, Butt, Cheney, Clark of Florida, Clark of Ohio, Clayton, Coffroth, Colfax, Connelly, Deering, Eckel, Ellis, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Glenn, Gobright, Griffin, Gyles, Hansford, Hodgson, How, Johnson, Kennedy, Layton, Marley, (2 votes,) Mathews, Mickle, Race, (2 votes,) Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rounsville, Smith of Alabama, Stacey, Stetson, Strong, Thayer, Tucker, Webster, Woodbridge, Woolsey—49.

NAYS.—Banks, Barry of Illinois, Bell, Booth, Brown, Bruce, Byron, (2 votes,) Carper, Carr, Coats, Craighead, Cunningham, Curtis, Dodd, Durham, Dwinelle, English, Evans, Farnsworth, Fuller, Granniss, Gilmore, Hunt, (2 votes,) Kellogg, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Monell, Munday, (2 votes,) Ninde, Parmenter, Potter, (2 votes,) Pruett, Remmington, Repiton, (2 votes,) Rohrer, Russel, Senter, Smith of Michigan, Straw, Tufts, Ufford, Van Cleft, Whalin, Williams, Wolford, Wright—52.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That from and after the adjournment of this annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States for 1855, the pay of Representatives to and officers of this body (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed) shall be two dollar per diem during their actual attendance upon the sessions of this body, and four cents per mile for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge and back again; said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey?" and it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, the Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of standing committees, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, being the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 2470, on the appeal of P. G. H. Shell from a decision of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2470, on the appeal of George W. Chedic from the decision of Pacific Encampment, No. 2, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2471, being the appeal of Wayne Lodge, No. 3, of Pennsylvania, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, was considered, and the report and resolution were adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2477, upon the subject of the return of the vital statistics and the employment of an assistant Secretary, was considered. A division of the question being called for, the question was taken on the first resolution, and it was adopted.

The question then being on the second and third resolutions, which contemplate an alteration in the By-Laws and require a two-third vote, it was passed in the affirmative by a unanimous vote.

The next report, being from the committee on Constitutions, page 2478, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered, and the report and accompanying resolution were adopted.

The next report, being from the committee on Petitions, page 2478, authorizing the organization of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered, and the report and accompanying resolution adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2479, confirming the warrants for Lodges and Encampments granted during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, same page, upon the petition of Montezuma and Paradise Lodges of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 2479, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2480, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, upon the By-Laws of Eastern Star and Pictou Lodges of Nova Scotia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the Constitution of Montezuma Lodge of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2481, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2481, on the reports of the deputations to the British Provinces, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the resolution of Rep. Rounsville, of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2482, on the queries from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2483, on the resolution of Rep. Monell, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. Eckel, same page, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the queries of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 2484, on the appeal of Teoronto Lodge, No. 10, against the action of the R. W. G. Lodge of Northern New York, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Lewis, of Northern New York, inquired of the Chair whether the Representative of a Grand Lodge which is the party to an appeal can vote on the decision of the appeal, the Representative being interested in the question?

The Chair replied in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2486, on the resolutions of instruction from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, being under consideration—

Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

*Resolved*, That so much of the report as relates to the transaction of business in Subordinate Lodges be recommitted, with instructions that the committee report a law requiring the transaction of all legislative business in Subordinate Lodges of the scarlet degree.

The question recurring on the report of the Legislative Committee, it was adopted.

Twelve o'clock, the hour fixed for recess, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge in recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Straw, of Maine, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article three, section one, of the Constitution so that the last clause thereof shall read as follows: "And shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of the communication at which they were elected."

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article fourteenth of the Constitution by striking out the word "fifty," in second line, and inserting "one hundred."

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article nine by striking out section two, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SEC. 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction five thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction five thousand and less than fifteen thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives. To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives. And no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend second clause of article fourteen of Constitution by erasing the word "fifty" and inserting "seventy-five."

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Amend article twelve Constitution by striking out "annually," in the first line, and inserting "biennially;" also the same amendment to the Constitution by striking out "annual" and "annually," wherever either occurs with reference to meetings or membership of the Grand Lodge, and inserting "biennial" or "biennially" in their stead.

Amend article nine of the Constitution by striking out the word "two" before "years," in the third line, and inserting the word "four."

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article nine of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge by striking out the word "two," in third line, and inserting "four" before years, and by striking out the word "annually," in the fourth line, and inserting "biennially" therefor.

Amend article twelve: strike out "annually," in the first line, and insert "biennially;" also the same amendment to the Constitution by striking out the words "annual" and "annually," wherever they occur with reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and inserting "biennial" and "biennially."

Rep. Whalin, of Northern New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article nine by striking out section two, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. Grand Representatives shall be appointed as follows, viz: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand, and not less than five thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives. No State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives.

Every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction members in good standing as follows shall be entitled to the following additional votes: if between five thousand and ten thousand, one

vote; if between ten thousand and twenty thousand, two votes; if between twenty thousand and thirty thousand, three votes; if between thirty thousand and forty thousand, four votes; if over forty thousand, five votes.

Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That when the R. W. Grand Lodge adjourns at half-past three o'clock it will adjourn to meet at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has been informed by the delegation from Virginia that the Order in that jurisdiction is engaged in the enterprise of establishing a Literary Institution at Abingdon, Virginia, called "Martha Washington College," designed especially for the education of the female orphans of our brethren; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge regards with especial favor all efforts to promote education, and earnestly recommends to the favorable consideration of the Order in Virginia this effort in behalf of the most unprotected and helpless class upon whom the charities of our Order are bestowed.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. G. Secretary be requested to file all papers presented to this Grand Body until the next annual session after the same shall appear in the printed Journal.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, and moved to refer the same to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report this, or some similar provision, as an additional By-Law:

*Resolved*, That whenever a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall require the testimony of a witness residing at an inconvenient distance from its location or within the limits of another and distant jurisdiction, to be used upon the trial of charges brought against any of its members, either for or against the accused, it shall be competent and lawful for such Lodge or Encampment, after the charges and specifications are regularly filed and due notice thereof has been given to the party charged, to transmit a communication in writing, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, to any other Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, within the same or another jurisdiction, of which the witness may be a member or near which he may reside, requesting said Lodge or Encampment to take the testimony of the witness or witnesses named, and return the same under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment. And it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the Lodge or Encampment to which any such communication shall be directed, on the first regular meeting after receiving the same, to appoint a committee of three of its members who shall be of equal degree with the party charged, whose duty it shall be to take the testimony of the witness or witnesses named, touching his or their knowledge of the matters of fact referred to in the charges and specifications for or against the accused, to reduce the same to writing, and transmit it, under the seal of their own Lodge or Encampment, to the Lodge or Encampment before which said charges are pending. And such testimony, when so taken and received by the Lodge or Encampment having occasion to use it, shall be deemed and considered legal and competent testimony, and proper to be read upon the trial of the party charged: *Provided*, that every such communication shall specify the name or names of the witness or witnesses to be examined, the degree and residence of the party charged, and a copy of the charges and specifications against him: and provided further, that due notice shall be previously given by the said commit-

tee to the party under charge, and the Lodge or Encampment before which said charges are pending, of the time and place at which the testimony will be taken; and provided also, that either party may be represented before said committee by any competent member of the Order in good standing, duly authorized by him or them to appear in his or their behalf.

The question being on the motion to refer, it was agreed to.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the adoption of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, as found on page 2481 of the Journal, adverse to the resolution of Rep. Rounsville, of Illinois, and confirming the third point decided by the Grand Sire, shall not be construed to debar a Representative, now holding a seat in this Grand Lodge, from retaining such seat, should he withdraw from the Lodge of which he is now a member for the purpose of connecting himself with another Lodge; provided not more than three months shall elapse between the times of withdrawal and deposit; and further provided, that no session of this body, either special or annual, shall be held in the interim.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That in cases when charges are preferred against a brother of the Order in any Lodge or Encampment to which he may belong, but from having absconded, or from his permanent absence or concealment, he cannot be found, so that the charges preferred or notice of trial cannot be personally served upon him, the respective Lodge or Encampment may regularly proceed with the trial upon proof of the fact rendering such personal service impracticable, and that a copy of the charges and notice of trial has been deposited in the post office nearest the last known residence of such brother, directed to him at such place of residence, post-paid, and that a like copy of the charges and notice of trial was left at his last place of residence, if the same be known: *Provided*, that such papers shall be deemed to have been served upon the brother only from the date when the constructive service above prescribed is complete; and provided further, that in case such brother returns after the conclusion of his trial, not having appeared on such trial either in person or by counsel, and asks for a new trial, the same shall be granted to him.

On motion of Rep. Durham, of Kentucky, the Lodge agreed to resume the order of business pending at the hour of recess, viz: the consideration of the reports of standing committees, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The first report in this order, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2486, relative to a revision of the odes, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the resolution of Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the resolutions communicated by Rep. Bruce, of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 2487, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, being under consideration—

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to strike out the last paragraph of the report.

Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to the committee to strike out all of the report after the word "confirmation" in the third line.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to. The main question was then put as follows: "Shall the motion to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions, be adopted?" and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2487, on the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 2488, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, page 2489, on the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 2490, on the Constitution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and Polynesia Encampment of Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, same page, on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California in reference to the appeal of Charles J. Collins from the action of Yerba Buena Lodge, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, the Lodge agreed to suspend the further consideration of the reports of standing committees until the same should be printed.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Van Cleft, page 2461 of the Journal, report that the decision of the Grand Lodge, by the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee on page 1739, vol. 3, Journal Proceedings, determines the point submitted. The requirement of pay benefits, under the circumstances named, implies the payment of full benefits.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Hansford, of Alabama, moved to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge on the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 2479, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, the Lodge agreed to resume the consideration of the pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first amendment in order, being the proposed amendment of Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, page 2351, as follows, was considered:

Amend section three, article one, of the Constitution, by striking out in the second line the words "and Grand Encampment;" in the seventh line, same article and section, the words "and Grand Encampment;" and in the ninth and tenth lines, same article and section, the words "and two Grand Encampments."

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was adopted. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" and it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Barnard, Carper, (2 votes,) Carr, Cheney, Clark of Florida, Connelly, Durham, Eckel, Foute, Granniss, Glenn, (2 votes,) Griffin, Hansford, Johnson, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Layton, Mickle, Pruett, Repiton, (2 votes,) Rich, Rohrer, Russel, Smith of Alabama, Stacey, Stetson, Strong, Thayer, Tucker, Van Cleft, Washington, Woodbridge, Wolford—37.

NAYS.—Austin, Banks, Bayley, Barry of Illinois, Barry of Indiana, Bell, Booth, Boylston, Brown, Bruce, Byron, Clark of Ohio, Clayton, Coats, Coffroth, (2 votes,) Colfax, Craighead, Cunningham, Curtis, Deering, Dodd, Dwinelle, Ellis, English, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Froment, Fuller, Gilmore, Gobright, Gyles, Hodgson, How, Kennedy, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Marley, Mathews, Monell, Munday, (2 votes,) Ninde, Parmenter, Potter, Race, (2 votes,) Remmington, J. H. Robinson, Rounsville, Senter, Smith of Michigan, Straw, Thompson, Tufts, Webster, Whalin, Wheeler, Williams, Woolsey, (2 votes,) Uffort—64.

Rep. Dodd, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the further consideration of amendments to the Constitution, proposed by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, on page 2351 of the Journal, be indefinitely postponed.

The amendment to the Constitution at page 2352 of the Journal, as follows, was considered:

That article nine of the new Constitution adopted by this Grand, Lodge be amended by striking out the word "*two,*" in third line, and inserting the word "*four*" before years.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was adopted, and the main question was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment?" and it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Boylston, Eckel, Granniss, Hansford, Hodgson, How, Johnson, Layton, Pruett, Remmington, Repiton, (2 votes,) Russel, Thayer, Washington—15.

NAYS.—Askew, Austin, Banks, Barnard, Bayley, Barry of Illinois, Barry of Indiana, Bell, Booth, Brown, Bruce, Butt, Byron, Carper, (2 votes,) Cheney, Clark of Florida, Clark of Ohio, Clayton, Coats, Coffroth, Colfax, Connelly, Craighead, Cunningham, Curtis, Deering, Dodd, Durham, Dwinelle, Ellis, English, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Fuller, Gilmore, Glenn, Gobright, Griffin, Gyles, Kellogg, Kennedy, Lambert, Lamberton, Lewis, Marley, Mathews, Mickle, Monell, Munday, (2 votes,) Ninde, Parmenter, Potter, Race, (2 votes,) Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rohrer, Rounsville,

Senter, Smith of Alabama, Smith of Michigan, Stacey, Stetson, Straw, Strong, Tufts, Uffort, Van Cleft, Webster, Whalin, Wheeler, Williams, Woodbridge, Woolsey, Wolford, Wright—81.

By general consent, Rep. Dodd, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

*Resolved,* That the further consideration of the special order be dispensed with; and that the Lodge now go into secret session, in order to complete the instruction in the unwritten work.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Barry, of Indiana, after to-day.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the special order

The next amendment to the Constitution, being on page 2352, offered by Rep. Langworthy, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance having had under consideration the finances of this R. W. Grand Body, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee have examined the books and accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, together with the several vouchers in support thereof, and find them correct. These accounts show as follows:

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| Balance of cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer per last report, - - - - - - - - - | | $8,207 88 |
| Cash since received of Grand Secretary to September 18, '55, inclusive, - - | 14.412 54 | |
| Received for sale $5,000 of Maryland State stock—sold under resolution of September, 1854, - - - - - | 5,175 00 | |
| Received for interest on Maryland State stock of $3,274 46, - - - - - | 191 57 | |
| Cash received on note discounted at the Chesapeake Bank, - - - - - | 1,000 00 | |
| Cash received from Rep. Bayley, of Maryland, overpaid, - - - - - | 3 00 | |
| Received from Grand Encampment of Maine, | 61 47 | |
| Received from Grand Lodge of Maine, - | 27 15 | |
| | | 20,870 73 |
| | | $29,078 61 |
| The Treasurer has paid out in sundry items, as shown by his account, the sum of - - - - - | | $19,613 77 |
| Leaving a balance of cash in hand of - - - | | $9,464 84 |

*Assets and Resources.*

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| Cash as per above statement, - - - - - | | $9,464 84 |
| One bond of the State of Maryland, par value, - - | | 3,274 46 |
| (This stock will sell at a small premium.) | | |
| Total of present available resources - - - | | $12,739 30 |
| Bond of Thomas Wildey, secured by mortgage of real estate in Baltimore and vicinity, payable at the decease of P. G. Sire Wildey, without interest: Balance unpaid | 6,235 41 | |
| Five notes of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine—four of $100 each and one of 52 62—payable in 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 years from Oct. 12, 1852; bearing interest at 6 per cent. - - - - - - | 452 62 | |
| Three notes of Grand Encampment of Maine, two of $50 each and one of $41 15, payable in 3, 4, and 5 years from Sept. 6, 1853; bearing interest at 6 per cent, - | 141 15 | |
| Two drafts drawn by Matthew Purdin on S. H. Parker, P. D. Dep. Grand Sire for California—one for $350 55 and the other for $56—being amount of claim on that officer for supplies, collections, &c. returned under protest - - - - | 406 55 | |
| | | $7,235 73 |

*Due from State Grand Bodies, as follows:*

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| Grand Lodge of Illinois, - | $737 00 | |
| " Dist. of Columbia, - | 43 75 | |
| " South Carolina, - | 20 00 | |
| " Rhode Island, - - | 38 00 | |
| " Michigan, - - | 30 00 | |
| " Florida, - - - | 34 02 | |
| " Kentucky, - - | 116 00 | |
| " Indiana, - - - | 678 00 | |
| Grand Encampment of Indiana, - | 190 00 | |
| " of Michigan, - | 50 00 | |
| " of N. Carolina, | 26 00 | |
| " of Illinois, - | 50 00 | |
| " of S. Carolina, | 4 00 | |
| " of N. Hampshire, | 8 00 | |
| " of Iowa, - | 120 00 | |
| | | $2,144 77 |

*Due from Subordinate Lodges, as follows:*

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| Oregon City Lodge, - - | $25 41 | | |
| Albany Lodge, No. 4, - - - | 38 07 | | |
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*Due from individuals, as follows.*

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| From James Young, for over charge on bill of paper, | $3 00 | |
| From P. D. D. G. Sire James Smiley, of California, for moneys received by him for charters of various Lodges, &c., | 193 55 | |
| From Wm. H. Jones, formerly of Massachusetts, for diplomas, | 140 75 | |
| From Frederick S. Garritt, D. D. Grand Sire of Arkansas, for balance due on charter fees received by him, | 46 81 | |
| From James Thorington, of Davenport, Iowa, D. D. Grand Sire, for balance due on supplies furnished, | 20 25 | |
| From B. A. Ormsby & Co., of Cincinnati, for Digests, | 9 37 | |
| From F. C. Kendall, acting as D. D. Grand Sire for Arkansas, for cards, | 3 00 | |
| From Wm. Duane Wilson, acting as D. D. Grand Sire of Wisconsin, for balance of cash received by him in his official capacity, | 249 57 | |
| From Charles H. Constable, acting as D. D. Grand Sire for Illinois, for charter fee of Grand Encampment of that State, | 30 00 | |
| From Elisha Morton, of Nashville, Tennessee, for diplomas, | 100 00 | |
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*Supplies on hand, estimated at the selling price.*

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| 26,519 | Cards, at 10 cts. | $2,651 90 | |
| 1,246 | Degree of Rebekah, $1 | 1,246 00 | |
| 891 | Charge Books, $2 | 1,782 00 | |
| 655 | Degree Books, $2 | 1,310 00 | |
| 75 | Grand Encampment Books, $1 | 75 00 | |
| 748 | Subordinate Encampment Books, $2 | 1,496 00 | |
| 440 | Institution Books, $1 | 440 00 | |
| 91 | Grand Lodge Books, $1 | 91 00 | |
| 89 | Diplomas, $1 | 89 00 | |
| 5,016 | Odes, 3 cts | 150 48 | |
| 385 | Revised Journals, $5 | 1,925 00 | |
| 543 | Index to Journal, $1 | 543 00 | |
| 646 | Forms of opening Degree Lodges, 2 cts. | 12 92 | |
| 2,772 | pages of stereotype plates, $1 | 2,772 00 | |
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Total amount of assets and resources of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Sept. 18, 1855 $37,563 88

*Estimated Expenditures for the current year.*

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| Salary of Grand Recording Secretary, - | $1,200 00 | |
| do " Treasurer, - - - | 200 00 | |
| do " Messenger, - - - | 700 00 | |
| Rent of Grand Secretary's office, inclusive of gas and fuel, - - - - | 275 00 | |
| Postage, stationery, and other office expenses of Grand Secretary's office, - | 600 00 | |
| Paper and printing Daily Journal of the session | 600 00 | |
| Paper and printing Daily Journal, revised and stereotyped, or such sum (not exceeding this amount) as may be found due as per contract - - - - - | 1,500 00 | |
| Paper, printing, and binding 1,000 Charge and 1,000 Degree books, in the English language - - - - - - - | 350 00 | |
| Paper and printing cards - - - | 400 00 | |
| Amount appropriated by resolution towards relief of Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers | 300 00 | |
| Amount due to Grand Sire Ellison for balance expenses of his mission to Nova Scotia and the Lower Provinces - - | 116 00 | |
| Amount due Wm. Boltner, of Philadelphia, for printing at session of 1853 - - | 4 25 | |
| | | 6,245 25 |
| Mileage and per diem of members - - - - | | 12,000 00 |
| | | $18,245 25 |

*Estimated Revenue for the current year.*

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| Representative tax—104 members, - - - - | $5,200 00 |
| From State Grand Bodies, (for arrearages,) - - - | 2,000 00 |
| Dues from Subordinate Lodges, - - - - | 200 00 |
| From sale of Books, - - - - - - - | 4,000 00 |
| " of Cards, - - - - - - | 4,000 00 |
| " of Odes, - - - - - - - | 250 00 |
| " of Diplomas, - - - - - - | 150 00 |
| " of Warrants, - - - - - - | 90 00 |
| From premium on sale of Maryland State Bond, - | 90 00 |
| From individual accounts, - - - - - - | 100 00 |
| Total amount of estimated revenue, - - - - | $16,080 00 |
| Amount of estimated expenditures, as above, | 18,245 25 |
| Deduct amount of estimated revenue, - - | 16,080 00 |
| Leaving a deficit to be provided for of | $2,165 25 |

To provide for this deficit, the committee know of no better mode than either an increase of Representative tax or a direct tax upon the several Grand Bodies throughout the jurisdiction. Of these two alter-

natives, the committee prefer the latter, and recommend that Article 14th of the Constitution be so amended as to provide that, from and after the present session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, a tax of one hundred dollars shall be levied upon the several Grand Bodies throughout this jurisdiction, upon each and every Representative to which such Grand Bodies are severally entitled under the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge, and that such tax shall be paid before any such Representative shall be entitled to take his seat upon this floor.

The committee have been obliged to wade through a mass of books, papers, and figures in order to enable them to arrive at these results, and regret that the system of book-keeping in the Secretary's department, heretofore adopted and approved by the Grand Lodge, is not so concise as it might be to facilitate the investigation of committees. In an institution like ours, where there are so many different items of amount to be carried into the books, and so large an amount of money received and expended, the most approved method of book-keeping should be adopted by the Grand Lodge. The committee hope hereafter the Lodge may so change its plan of book-keeping as to conform to these suggestions. The committee regret to see that this Grand Lodge has paid so little attention to the keeping of the expenditures within the various amounts appropriated. By way of illustration, your committee will state that during the past year one item of expenditure, to wit, that of printing, necessarily exceeded the appropriation nearly one thousand dollars. That no censure may seem to attach to any of the executive officers, the committee will state that the Secretary was compelled to exceed the appropriation in order to have the printing done as directed by the Grand Lodge, the fault being in the Lodge, in not making the appropriation sufficiently large to meet the ordinary expenses. If, however, the specific appropriations are in the future more commensurate with the probable expenses, and separate accounts are kept, and committees discharge their duties, the same occurrence is not likely to take place again.

There is another matter which seems to your committee to deserve notice, and that is the manner in which the printing bills are made out. In all cases where printing of different matters is done by contract, the bills should be made out in detail, to enable the Committee on Finance, whose duty it is to investigate them, to see if the several items of charge are made in accordance with the contract. Now, the bills are all made out in gross amount, and, although the amount of each may agree with the Treasurer's books, there is no way for a committee to arrive at the fact, which they ought to know, except by requiring new bills to be made out or by examining the printer's books, neither of which modes can be adopted without the waste of more time than the committee can possibly devote to this branch of their inquiry.

The committee have deemed it expedient to depart somewhat from the course heretofore pursued by their predecessors, by reporting more particularly and in detail the items of indebtedness to this Grand Lodge, in the hope that those who are more immediately concerned in

these items of indebtedness may guard against such an exposure in the future. There is no good reason why these matters should not all be settled at once, and, although some of the largest items charged against Grand Bodies have been liquidated since the rendition of the Treasurer's supplementary account, there is still a large amount due, the payment of which the Grand Secretary should immediately insist upon. Some of the charges against individuals are believed also to be collectable, and the committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to take immediate measures to have them adjusted either by compromise or otherwise, as he shall deem expedient, so that the books of his office may be no longer encumbered with old accounts, which, to say the least, are not *increasing* in value from year to year. The committee recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the sum of eighteen thousand two hundred and forty-five dollars and twenty-five cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the per diem and mileage of members, salaries, printing, and other expenses of the current financial year, agreeably to the estimates submitted by the Committee on Finance in the accompanying report, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue warrants therefor accordingly.

*Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to open an account in his books with each specific appropriation, charging to such appropriation severally the amount reported by the Finance Committee, and placing to the credit of such account all payments made on account thereof; and in no case shall such payments exceed the amount of the specific appropriation on account of which they are made, nor shall any transfer of appropriation be allowed without the consent of this Grand Lodge.

N. A. THOMPSON,
WM. CURTIS,
W. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend second clause of article fourteen of Constitution, by erasing the word "fifty" and inserting "one hundred."

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, upon page 677, volume one, of the printed Journal, it is declared that brothers in good standing may draw visiting cards for purposes therein mentioned; and also on page 169, of the Digest, that the granting of cards "should be passed upon by the Lodge;" and whereas it is thereby rendered the privilege of Subordinates to vote upon the granting of cards: be it

*Resolved*, That a Lodge cannot refuse to grant a brother a card who is under no legal disqualification at the period of application.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred two resolutions, proposed by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, and Rep. Dwinelle, of California, relative to granting permission to Lodges to elect a scarlet

member as Noble Grand or Vice Grand, in cases where all legally qualified members refuse to accept said offices, respectfully report:

That although the Grand Lodge has heretofore declined to grant this authority, your committee are unanimously of the opinion that cases may often arise in which the absence of this power would work great harm to the Order. To instance a case applicable to the many jurisdictions which require service in the office of Secretary as a qualification for election as Vice Grand, the first Secretary of a Lodge, after being elected and installed as Vice Grand, dies, resigns, or removes; who can be elected in his stead? There is no Past Secretary to be promoted to the Vice Grand's chair, and the only Past Grand in the Lodge is the one who, having just completed his duties in the Noble Grand's office, is filling the Past Grand's chair. He might very possibly be unwilling to assume the double duty of acting Past Grand and acting Vice Grand, with the certainty that at the expiration of that term he must again, as the only qualified member to be nominated, serve still another term, in addition, as Noble Grand. And, as the law now stands, the Lodge is brought to a dead stop in its career of duty and benevolence, from no fault of any of its members, except that single one, who can plead that he has already his full share of labor devolved upon him.

But even if it is contended that this is an exceptional case and applicable only to a moiety of our jurisdictions, still it may often happen to Subordinate Lodges every where, as an ordinary event, that all their Past Grands may refuse to go through the chairs when circumstances would require that they should do so. What is to be the result? If, in such a case, the vacancy is in the Noble Grand's chair, can the Lodge exist or prosper without a head? With members willing to assume these duties, and their brethren willing to confer them, should the impracticability of a few past officers shackle the energies, impede the progress, and destroy the usefulness of a Lodge?

Certainly, if the law, as it now exists, is continued in its present rigorous and inflexible restrictions, the Grand Lodge of the United States should, in the opinion of your committee, enact an additional provision, of more than doubtful propriety, that Past Grands, in the cases alluded to, should be *compelled* to accept these offices under a penalty of expulsion; and the committee fear that even this remedy would not be adequate to cover many cases that might arise, where possibly Lodges might have no Past Grands resident in the vicinity, or have them already installed into some other offices which they could not be compelled to surrender.

In conclusion, we quote and adopt, from page 2280, Journal of 1854, the ably condensed argument of Reps. Fitzhugh, Gyles, and Deering, the Committee on the State of the Order, on a proposition similar to the one we are now considering:

"While it is a general rule that service for one term in the Vice Grand's chair is a necessary qualification for the office of Noble Grand, yet there *is* an exception in the case of newly initiated Lodges, where a scarlet degree member is often necessarily eligible to that position

without any previous service in office. By analogy, the emergency contemplated by the interrogatory, when it arises in a Lodge already established, will justify it in elevating a scarlet degree member to the office of Noble Grand; provided, however, that a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs."

The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in the case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members refusing to accept the office, the Lodge may elect a scarlet member to the office; provided, however, that a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WM. ENGLISH,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Repiton, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the appellation of *Representative*, and not that of gentleman, is recognizable by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Butt, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That section one, article nine, of the new Constitution adopted by this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the word "two" before years, and inserting "four" in the third line; and also to amend by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "semi-annually" in the fourth line of said section and article. These amendments to take effect after the annual sesion of 1857.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be requested to report all payments made since the 18th to the 21st, inclusive, by a supplemental report.

Rep. Butt, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia?" and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to withhold from the printer all reports that have not been already placed in the hands of that officer, so that they may be considered in manuscript.

Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Fuller, of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, after to-day.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented beg leave to report that upon inquiry of the Grand Secretary, they find no Grand Body under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge without a Representative. Your committee are pleased to be able to make this statement, as it is the best evidence of the great interest taken in the Order even by the most remote Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments throughout this extended jurisdiction.

AUGS'T. M. FOUTE,
E. H. BARRY,
E. C. GRANNISS.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Strike out the word "two" in the third line, ninth article, of the Constitution, third word from the beginning of the line, and insert the word "four;" and strike out the word "annually" in the fourth line of the same article, and insert the word "biennially."

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Eckel, report:

The resolution is declaratory of the law as it exists. If a Lodge deny a card to a member not disqualified, he may have redress upon appeal to the local Grand Lodge.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Butt, of Georgia, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-morrow.

Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be directed to forward by mail to each officer and member of this Grand Lodge one copy of the proceedings of each day that may not be printed in season to be placed in their possession prior to adjournment; and that he also be directed to forward by mail one copy of the same to such persons whose names shall be furnished for the purpose by the members, provided the number does not exceed fifteen copies to each member.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the word "one copy" and insert "the number of copies each member is entitled to receive;" then strike out all after the word adjournment.

Rep. Washington, of North Carolina, moved to lay the amendment of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, on the table which was agreed to.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, now asked whether the motion to lay the amendment on the table did not carry with it the original motion.

The Chair ruled that it did so.

The hour of 3½ o'clock, fixed for adjournment, having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until this evening at 7½ o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING—7½ O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: William Ellison, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* on Saturday next at — o'clock.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend by striking "out on Saturday next," and inserting "12 o'clock to-night."

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved to amend by inserting "10 o'clock A. M."

The question being on the motion of Rep. Senter, it was not agreed to.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the subject on the table, and it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York—

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, asked for a division of the question; and the question being on striking out the words "on Saturday next," it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the second division of the question—

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, obtained leave to withdraw his amendment.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Froment moved to fill the blank with "10 o'clock A. M.;" when, on motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

The Lodge resumed, upon motion of Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, the consideration of reports of standing committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report in order, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 2492, on the appeal of James Burke from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 2493, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, was considered.

Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report in conformity with the instructions ordered as to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Rep. Smith, of Alabama, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion to recommit of Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York?" and it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Constitutions, it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Race, of Louisiana, moved to reconsider the vote had upon the report of the Committee on Constitutions on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, recommitting said report with instructions.

Upon this motion Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge pass the motion of Rep. Race, of Louisiana, to reconsider?" and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then being on the motion to recommit the report to the Committee on Constitutions with instructions, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Constitutions on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, moved that the Lodge take up for consideration the resolution now lying on the table, proposed by him, on the subject of transmitting the daily Journal to Representatives, and the amendment thereto of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania; which was agreed to; and the question being on the amendment of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania—

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Curtis?" and it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

When Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to arrange in his tabular statement of receipts, in *parallel columns*, the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of standing committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, being from the special committee on the address of the Grand Lodge of California, page 2495, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Finance Committee, page 2497, on the subject of a return of the assessment tax of 1849 to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, same page, in regard to refunding certain Representative tax to the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2498, in regard to the propriety of assisting brethren in Honolulu in building a hall, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Correspondence, page 2499, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, upon the resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of California, touching appeal papers, same page, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, upon the resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of California, in regard to admitting brethren of advanced age, sickness, or infirmity to the social benefits of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Printing, page 2500, in relation to printing a fourth volume of the Revised Journal and Index, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, same page, upon the accounts of P. D. D. Grand Sire S. H. Parker, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2501, upon the resolution of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, to have the work translated into the Welsh language, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved to reconsider the vote just had, adopting the resolution of the Legislative Committe directing the translation of the work into the Welsh language.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was agreed to.

The question then being on the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee directing the translation of the work into the Welsh language—

Rep. Bell, of Massachusetts, moved to lay the subject on the table; which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2508, on the resolution of Rep. Van Cleft, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 2510, on the general finances of the Lodge, was considered, and, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Whalin, of Northern New York, after to-day.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2515, upon the resolutions proposed by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, and Rep. Dwinelle, of California, relative to granting permission to Lodges to elect scarlet members as Noble Grand or Vice Grand in the cases therein named, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Gobright, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the fourth volume of the Journal of Proceedings, when prepared, shall be sold at a price in the ratio of that of the previous volumes.

Rep. Van Cleft, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to forward to the address of each present Representative one copy of the fourth volume of the Proceedings as soon as published.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, to be found on page 2507 of the Journal of this session, beg leave to report that they approve the same, and recommend its adoption by this Grand Lodge.

WM. ENGLISH,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution to be found on page 2506 of the Journal, relative to obtaining testimony of witnesses residing at inconvenient distances from the place of trial of members, respectfully report:

That the subject is one of too much importance to dispose of it at this late stage of the session; and the committee therefore recommend that it be spread upon the Journal, and the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WM. ENGLISH,
ANDRE FROMENT.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution proposed by Rep. Dwinelle, of California, to be found on page 2507 of the Journal of this session, respectfully recommend the adoption of the same.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
ANDRE FROMENT,
WM. ENGLISH.

On motion of Rep. Mickle, of New Jersey, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: William Ellison, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Bruce, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, asked and obtained leave of absence after 11 o'clock this day.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of New Haven, Connecticut.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Leave of absence, after 11 o'clock this day, was granted to Reps. Banks, of Maine, Deering, of Maine, Kennedy, of Southern New York, and Froment, of Southern New York.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report, which, by special order, was considered, and, with the resolution accompanying, was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distances travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of the Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each is entitled, under the resolution adopted by this body in 1850.

In submitting this report, your committee ask for the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the amount of mileage and per diem, as set forth in the tabular statement herewith presented, is hereby ordered to be paid.

E. P. HUNT, *Chairman.*

## TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

| NAMES. | PROFESSION. | Town. | State. | Distance from Baltimore. | Days in Attendance. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAND OFFICERS. | | | | | | | | |
| M. W. G. Sire William Ellison.. | Merchant..... | Boston..... | Massachu'ts. | 440 | 6 | $44 00 | $18 00 | $62 00 |
| R. W. D. G. S. Geo. W. Race... | Lawyer..... | New Orleans.. | Louisiana... | 1,490 | 6 | 149 00 | 18 00 | 167 00 |
| R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely. | Farmer..... | Baltimore Co.. | Maryland... | | | | | |
| R. W. G. Treas. Joshua Vansant. | Hat Manufacturer..... | Baltimore..... | Maryland... | | | | | |
| R. W. G. Chaplain..... | | | | | | | | |
| R. W. G. M. James W. Hale.... | Commissioner..... | New York..... | New York... | 200 | 3 | 20 00 | 9 00 | 29 00 |
| R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt.... | Jeweller..... | Baltimore..... | Maryland... | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain. | Shoe Manufacturer..... | Baltimore..... | Maryland... | | | | | |
| REPRESENTATIVES. | | | | | | | | |
| Askew, Henry F..... | Physician..... | Wilmington... | Delaware.... | 75 | 6 | 7 50 | 18 00 | 25 50 |
| Austin, H. S..... | Lawyer..... | Peoria..... | Illinois..... | 1,450 | 6 | 145 00 | 18 00 | 163 00 |
| Banks, E. P..... | Watch-maker..... | Portland..... | Maine..... | 550 | 6 | 55 00 | 18 00 | 73 00 |
| Barnard, F. J..... | Painter..... | Mobile..... | Alabama..... | 1,325 | 6 | 132 50 | 18 00 | 150 00 |
| Bayley, W..... | Slater..... | Baltimore..... | Maryland.... | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| Barry, A. S..... | Druggist..... | Alton..... | Illinois..... | 1,250 | 6 | 125 00 | 18 00 | 143 00 |
| Barry, E. H..... | Clerk..... | Indianapolis.... | Indiana..... | 790 | 5 | 79 00 | 15 00 | 94 00 |
| Bell, Wm. A..... | Merchant..... | Boston..... | Massachu'ts. | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 00 | 62 00 |
| Booth, David B..... | Lawyer..... | Norwalk..... | Connecticut.. | 268 | 6 | 26 80 | 18 00 | 44 80 |
| Boylston, R. B..... | Lawyer..... | Winsboro'..... | S. Carolina.. | 665 | 6 | 66 50 | 18 00 | 84 50 |

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| Brown, F. M | Manufacturer | Windsor Locks. | Connecticut.. | 330 | 6 | 33 00 | 18 00 | 51 00 |
| Bruce, A. W | Clergyman | Hamilton | New York... | 476 | 6 | 47 60 | 18 00 | 65 60 |
| Butt, John D | Merchant | Augusta | Georgia | 730 | 5 | 73 00 | 15 00 | 88 00 |
| Byron, Joseph | Manufacturer | Boston | Massachu'ts. | 440 | 5 | 44 00 | 15 00 | 59 00 |
| Carper, Wm. M | Physician | Galveston | Texas | 1,940 | 6 | 194 00 | 18 00 | 212 00 |
| Carr, James | Lawyer | Paris | Missouri | 1,395 | 6 | 139 50 | 18 00 | 157 50 |
| Cheney, Charles C | Farmer | Emerald Grove. | Wisconsin... | 1400 | 6 | 140 00 | 18 00 | 158 00 |
| Clark, Asa B | Merchant | Tallahassee | Florida | 1110 | 6 | 111 00 | 18 00 | 129 00 |
| Clark, H. N | Justice | Cincinnati | Ohio | 735 | 6 | 73 50 | 18 00 | 91 50 |
| Clayton, John G | Editor | New York | New York... | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 00 | 38 00 |
| Coats, Paxson | Manufacturer | Cincinnati | Ohio | 735 | 5 | 73 50 | 15 00 | 88 50 |
| Coffroth, C. A. B | Printer | Winchester | Virginia | 115 | 6 | 11 50 | 18 00 | 29 50 |
| Colfax, Schuyler | Editor | South Bend | Indiana | 850 | 5 | 85 00 | 15 00 | 100 00 |
| Connelly, J. K | Lawyer | Hernando | Mississippi... | 1125 | 6 | 172 50 | 18 00 | 190 50 |
| Craighead, Samuel | Lawyer | Dayton | Ohio | 675 | 6 | 67 50 | 18 00 | 85 50 |
| Cunningham, P. L | Manufacturer | S. Norwalk | Connecticut. | 245 | 6 | 24 50 | 18 00 | 42 50 |
| Curtis, William | Deputy Naval Officer... | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| Deering, N. F | Merchant | Portland | Maine | 550 | 6 | 55 00 | 18 00 | 73 00 |
| Dodd, H. H | Merchant | Toledo | Ohio | 750 | 6 | 75 00 | 18 00 | 93 00 |
| Durham, M. J | Lawyer | Danville | Kentucky | 950 | 6 | 97 00 | 18 00 | 115 00 |
| Dwinelle, J. W | Lawyer | San Francisco | California | 5953 | 6 | 595 30 | 18 00 | 613 30 |
| Eckel, Henry | Printer | Wilmington | Delaware | 75 | 6 | 7 50 | 18 00 | 25 50 |
| Ellis, F. A | Lawyer | Elkton | Maryland | 51 | 6 | 5 10 | 18 00 | 23 10 |
| English, William | Accountant | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| Evans, Thomas D | Merchant | Fairfield | Iowa | 1860 | 5 | 186 00 | 15 00 | 201 00 |
| Farnsworth, E. D | St. Bt. Inspector | Nashville | Tennessee | 1070 | 6 | 107 00 | 18 00 | 125 00 |
| Fitzhugh, E. H | Lawyer | Wheeling | Virginia | 380 | 5 | 38 00 | 15 00 | 53 00 |
| Foute, A. M | Lawyer | Jackson | Mississippi. | 1940 | 6 | 194 00 | 18 00 | 212 00 |
| Froment, Andre | U. S. Post Office Agent. | New York | New York... | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 00 | 38 00 |
| Fuller, E. G | Bookseller | Halifax | Nova Scotia. | 1135 | 5 | 113 50 | 15 00 | 128 50 |
| Granniss, E. C | Clerk | Macon | Georgia | 895 | 6 | 89 50 | 18 00 | 107 50 |
| Gilmore, Dexter | Lawyer | Utica | New York... | 450 | 6 | 45 00 | 18 00 | 63 00 |
| Glenn, L. J | Lawyer | Atlanta | Georgia. | 888 | 4 | 88 80 | 12 00 | 100 80 |
| Gobright, L. A | Reporter | Washington | Dis. of Col... | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 00 | 22 00 |
| Griffin, Samuel H | Merchant | Niles | Michigan | 860 | 6 | 86 00 | 18 00 | 104 00 |

## TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, CONTINUED.

| NAMES. | PROFESSION. | Town. | State. | Distance from Baltimore. | Days in Attendance. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gyles, John A | Lawyer | Charleston | S. Carolina | 710 | 6 | $71 00 | $18 00 | $89 00 |
| Hansford, C. R | Mayor | Montgomery | Alabama | 1125 | 6 | 112 50 | 18 00 | 130 50 |
| Hodgson, J. W | Mechanic | Washington | Dis. of Col | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 00 | 22 00 |
| How, John | Merchant | St. Louis | Missouri | 1200 | 4 | 120 00 | 12 00 | 132 00 |
| Hunt, E. P | Notary Public | Galveston | Texas | 1940 | 6 | 194 00 | 18 00 | 212 00 |
| Johnson, R. M | Merchant | Fort Smith | Arkansas | 1875 | 6 | 187 50 | 18 00 | 205 00 |
| Kellogg, James B | Banker | Milwaukee | Wisconsin | 1,320 | 5 | 132 00 | 15 00 | 147 00 |
| Kennedy, J. A | Merchant | New York | New York | 200 | 6 | 20 00 | 18 00 | 38 00 |
| Lambert, Henry | Merchant | Pittsburg | Pennsylvania | 335 | 6 | 33 50 | 18 00 | 51 50 |
| Lamberton, W. H | Lawyer | Franklin | Pennsylvania | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 00 | 62 00 |
| Layton, C. R | Lawyer | Georgetown | Delaware | 160 | 6 | 16 00 | 18 00 | 34 00 |
| Lewis, jr., John L | Lawyer | Penn Yan | New York | 520 | 6 | 52 00 | 18 00 | 70 00 |
| Marley, R | Shoe Manufacturer | Baltimore | Maryland | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| Mathews, Amos | Mechanic | Dubuque | Iowa | 1,545 | 6 | 154 50 | 18 00 | 172 50 |
| Mickle, I. W | Lawyer | Camden | New Jersey | 100 | 6 | 10 00 | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| Monell, Geo. J. N | Bank Teller | Sacramento | California | 6,113 | 6 | 611 30 | 18 00 | 629 30 |
| Munday, W. S | Lawyer | Nashville | Tennessee | 1,070 | 6 | 107 00 | 18 00 | 125 00 |
| Ninde, James C | Lawyer | Baltimore | Maryland | ..... | 6 | ..... | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| Parmenter, Wm. E | Lawyer | Boston | Massachu'ts | 440 | 5 | 44 00 | 15 00 | 59 00 |
| Potter, jr., Wm | Manufacturer | Potter's Hill | Rhode Island | 360 | 5 | 36 00 | 15 00 | 51 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pruett, J. W. | Printer | Frankfort | Kentucky | 950 | 6 | 95 00 | 18 00 | 113 00 |
| Remmington, W. H. | Mechanic | St. Louis | Missouri | 1,200 | 6 | 120 00 | 18 00 | 138 00 |
| Repiton, A. Paul | Clergyman | Wilmington | N. Carolina | 415 | 4 | 41 50 | 12 00 | 53 50 |
| Reynolds, Thomas | Physician | Brockville | Canada West. | 720 | 2 | 72 00 | 6 00 | 78 00 |
| Rich, Thomas | Printer | Washington | Dis. of Col. | 40 | 6 | 4 00 | 18 00 | 22 00 |
| Robinson, E. C. | Dentist | Buffalo Springs. | Virginia | 450 | 6 | 45 00 | 18 00 | 63 00 |
| Robinson, J. H. | Tobacconist | Lynchburg | Virginia | 300 | 6 | 30 00 | 18 00 | 48 00 |
| Rohrer, Daniel | Lawyer | St. Paul | Minnesota | 1,860 | 5 | 186 00 | 15 00 | 201 00 |
| Rounsville, Wm | Clergyman | Peoria | Illinois | 1,450 | 6 | 145 00 | 18 00 | 163 00 |
| Russel, W. P. | Physician | Middleburg | Vermont | 550 | 6 | 55 00 | 18 00 | 73 00 |
| Senter, T. G. | Teacher | Portsmouth | N. Hampshi'e | 500 | 6 | 50 00 | 18 00 | 68 00 |
| Smith, P. C. | Merchant | Montgomery | Alabama | 1125 | 6 | 112 50 | 18 00 | 130 50 |
| Smith, W. Huntington | Merchant | Adrian | Michigan | 948 | 6 | 94 80 | 18 00 | 112 80 |
| Stacey, C. A. | Lawyer | Tecumseh | Michigan | 948 | 6 | 94 80 | 18 00 | 112 80 |
| Stetson, H. G. | Merchant | New Orleans | Louisiana | 1498 | 5 | 149 00 | 15 00 | 164 00 |
| Steele, Walter L. | Planter | Rockingham | N. Carolina | 570 | 6 | 57 00 | 18 00 | 75 00 |
| Straw, J. B. | Dentist | Bangor | Maine | 660 | 6 | 66 00 | 18 00 | 84 00 |
| Strong, Wm. A. | Planter | Black Hawk | Mississippi | 1855 | 6 | 185 50 | 18 00 | 203 50 |
| Thayer, Wm, | Bank Officer | Charleston | S. Carolina | 710 | 6 | 71 00 | 18 00 | 89 00 |
| Thompson, N. A. | Merchant | Boston | Massachu'ts. | 440 | 6 | 44 00 | 18 00 | 62 00 |
| Tucker, I. M. | City Clerk | Newark | New Jersey. | 184 | 6 | 18 40 | 18 00 | 36 40 |
| Tufts, C. A. | Apothecary | Dover | N. Hampshi'e | 505 | 6 | 50 50 | 18 00 | 68 50 |
| Van Cleft, George H. | Surveyor | Sacramento | California | 6113 | 6 | 611 30 | 18 00 | 629 30 |
| Washington, John N. | Lawyer | New Berne | N. Carolina | 405 | 6 | 40 50 | 18 00 | 58 50 |
| Webster, H. L. | Silversmith | Providence | Rhode Island. | 400 | 6 | 40 00 | 18 00 | 58 00 |
| Whalin, Edward | Banker | Rochester | New York | 580 | 6 | 58 00 | 18 00 | 76 00 |
| Wheeler, J. M. | Jeweller | Providence | Rhode Island. | 400 | 6 | 40 00 | 18 00 | 58 00 |
| Williams, George C. | Lawyer | Lancaster | N. Hampshi'e | 670 | 6 | 67 00 | 18 00 | 85 00 |
| Woodbridge, F. E. | Lawyer | Vergennes | Vermont | 560 | 5 | 56 00 | 15 00 | 71 00 |
| Woolsey, Daniel | Merchant | Evansville | Indiana | 1085 | 6 | 108 50 | 18 00 | 126 50 |
| Wolford, C. | Artist., | Louisville | Kentucky | 885 | 6 | 88 50 | 18 00 | 106 50 |
| Wright, David H. | Carpenter | Madison | Wisconsin | 1440 | 6 | 144 00 | 18 00 | 162 00 |
| Uffort, John | Clergyman | Muscatine | Iowa | 1810 | 3 | 181 00 | 9 00 | 190 00 |
| | | | | 92,122 | 582 | $9,202 20 | 1,746 00 | $10,948 20 |

Rep. Bruce, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That permission be granted the publishers of the "Odd-Fellows' Literary Casket" to use the plates of the Past Grand Sires for the purpose of illustrating their magazine, according to their request.

Rep. Austin, of Illinois, moved to amend as follows:

Amend by adding: "Emblem" at Boston, "Ark" at Columbus, Ohio, "Odd-Fellows' Western Magazine" at Centerville, Indiana, and "Memento" at Peoria, Illinois.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge for such sum or sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses of publishing, preparation of the Index, and binding the fourth volume of bound Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, authorized to be printed at its present session, and that he be further authorized to procure steel plate engravings of Past Grand Sire W. G. DeSaussure and Grand Sire William Ellison, for the purpose of embellishing said fourth volume, the drafts to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Rep. Brown, of Connecticut, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Body are due and are hereby tendered to Messrs. Turner and Gray for their beautiful and correct group of lithographic portraits of the Past Grand Sires of the Grand Lodge of the United States, presented by them to this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Messrs. Turner and Gray by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee take into consideration the propriety of repealing so much of the laws of this Grand Lodge as requires dues to be charged against brothers who were suspended for non-payment of dues only during the period of their suspension.

Rep. Mickle, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized to call the next annual session of this Grand Lodge at such place as he may deem most practicable, in case he should be satisfied that the health of the city determined upon by this Grand Lodge for its place of meeting should render such a change necessary.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, the Lodge agreed to

consider the resolution of Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, now lying on the table, which proposed to hold the next annual session at Charleston, S. C.

The resolution being under consideration—

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved to strike out the word "Charleston" and insert "Concord, New Hampshire."

Rep. Washington, of North Carolina, moved further to amend by striking out "Concord" and inserting "New York."

On motion of Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary forward to each Grand Representative a copy of the Revised Journal of the present session as soon as printed.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article nine, section two, by adding at the end thereof the following: Provided, however, that every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over five thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to three votes; and every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to four votes, and for each additional ten thousand members in good standing, one additional vote; provided, further, that for each vote to which any jurisdiction may be entitled she shall pay the sum of fifty dollars.

Rep. Clark, of Florida, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty dollars forwarded to this Grand Lodge by petitioners for charter for Ridgely Lodge, No. 9, to be located at Marianna, West Florida, in 1851, be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Baltimore.

Rep. Dodd, of Ohio, moved to amend by striking out "Baltimore" and inserting "Charleston," South Carolina.

Rep. Dodd called for a division of the question; and the question being on striking out, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, it was adopted.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of standing committees.

The first report in order, being from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, page 2518, was considered and adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Thompson, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance having been required by a resolution submitted by Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, to report the amount of moneys paid into the treasury from September 18th to 21st, inclusive, as a supplement to the general report, beg leave to submit the following:

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| Amount received from Grand Encampment of Indiana, for arrearages, - - - - | | $190 00 | |
| Amount received from Grand Encampment of Illinois, for arrearages, - - - - - | | 50 00 | |
| Amount received from Grand Lodge of Illinois, for arrearages, - - - - - | | 737 00 | |
| Amount received from Grand Lodge of Mississippi, for arrearages, - - - - - | | 50 00 | |
| Amount received from Grand Encampment of Iowa, for arrearages, (cash,) - | 86 00 | 122 00 | |
| Books returned, - - - - | 36 00 | | |
| Amount received from Grand Encampment of New Hampshire, - - - - - | | 8 00 | |
| | | | $1,157 00 |
| Amount received from sales of supplies, - | | | 135 00 |
| Total amount of receipts from September 18th to 21st, inclusive, - - - - - - | | | $1,292 00 |

The committee in this connexion deem it their duty to remind the members of this Right Worthy Grand Body, that by the eleventh article of the By-Laws no State or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, which shall be in arrears for moneys due to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its Representative or Representatives, and to recommend that hereafter this law be strictly enforced, and with this view submit the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved,* That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the opening of every annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to place in the hands of the Grand Sire a written statement showing the name or names of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which may be indebted to this Grand Lodge, with the amount of such indebtedness, which statement shall be placed by the Grand Sire in the hands of the Committee on Credentials, immediately upon the appointment of said committee, so that the said committee may be able to make their report in conformity to the eleventh article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

N. A. THOMPSON,
W. S. MUNDAY,
W. CURTIS.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report and accompanying resolution were considered and adopted.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of standing committees.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2518, on Rep. Eckel's resolution touching the refusal of a card by a Lodge to a brother qualified to receive one, was considered and adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Lewis, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report, which, by special order, was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Woodridge, of Vermont, on page 2494 of the Journal, on the subject of compensation to the Committee on Mergement, respectfully report:

That they have considered the same, and find that the current of legislation of the Grand Lodge has been against granting such compensation to committees. Unwilling to establish a precedent to the contrary, which might be fraught with evil, although they find action favorable to the measure on page 2178 of the proceedings of 1853, they report back the resolution for the action of this body.

JOHN L. LEWIS, Jr.,
NATH. F. DEERING,
E. P. HUNT.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, the Lodge considered the resolution of Rep. Woodbridge, of Vermont, page 2494, and referred to in the above report of the Committee on Mileage, and the question being on adopting the same, it was resolved in the negative.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of standing committees.

The next report in order, being from the Legislative Committee, page 2522, on the resolution of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, as follows, was considered and adopted:

*Resolved,* That the adoption of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, as found on page 2481 of the Journal, adverse to the resolution of Rep. Rounsville, of Illinois, and confirming the third point decided by the Grand Sire, shall not be construed to debar a Representative, now holding a seat in this Grand Lodge, from retaining such seat, should he withdraw from the Lodge of which he is now a member for the purpose of connecting himself with another Lodge; provided, not more than three months shall elapse between the times of withdrawal and deposit; and further provided, that no session of this body, either special or annual, shall be held in the interim.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2522, on the resolution of Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, relative to obtaining of witnesses residing at inconvenient distances or in distant jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Sire having retired, R. W. D. Grand Sire Race presided.

The next report, being from the same committee, page 2522, on Rep. Dwinelle's resolution on the subject of charges against absconding, absent, or convicted brethren, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Munday, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was by special order considered and adopted:

*Be it resolved,* That the Grand Secretary draw upon the Grand Treasurer for twelve dollars, in favor of brother J. J. Johnson, Assistant Messenger, for six days'

services during the present communication; also, in favor of Jacob Mearis, for five dollars, for extra sevices as keeper of this hall.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article sixteen of the Constitution by adding thereto the following as the fifth section:

Any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment violating the third section of this article shall, upon conviction thereof by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of its jurisdiction, forfeit and pay to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction from which any such person shall be thus illegally initiated or admitted to membership, all initiation and degree charges or fees received from such person thus illegally initiated or admitted to membership up to the date of such conviction.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved to take up for consideration the report of the special Committee on Mergement; which was not agreed to.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, submitted the following paper, which was received and ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, Grand Representative of New Jersey, has been requested by P. G. M. George W. Cassidy, Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, to state to the Grand Lodge of the United States that he has been prevented from attending in his seat at any time this session by the unexpected and serious illness of a member of his family. He desires that this statement may be entered upon the Journal, in order that he may be properly understood by those who have honored him with a seat on this floor.

ISAAC M. TUCKER.

On motion of Rep. Munday, of Tennessee, the Lodge agreed to adjourn *sine die*; when, after prayer by Rev. Bro. Bruce, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*; R. W. D. Grand Sire G. W. Race declared the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Sec'y.*

# Suspensions and Expulsions

## FROM THE ORDER, DURING THE YEAR 1854–5.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

*Expulsions.*—One hundred and nine, improper conduct.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Expulsions.*—W. A. Richardson, drunkenness and contempt; James A. Burns, defrauding the Lodge as Treasurer.

### DELAWARE.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 15, William B. Warrington and James H. Walker, for contempt.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 4, William L. Coleman, adultery; 12, Arthur D. Alexander and John R. Wilkins, for contempt.

### OHIO.

*Suspensions.*—Unbecoming conduct, 47; intemperance, 7; not reported, 21.

*Expulsions.*—Unbecoming conduct, 72; contempt, 41; other causes, 66.

### NEW JERSEY.

*Suspensions.*—Three for intemperance, and one for unbecoming conduct.

*Expulsions.*—One for theft, six for contempt, eight for unbecoming conduct, one for embezzlement, four for intemperance, two for immoral conduct, two for fraud, one for false pretenses, one for abusing the benevolence of the Order.

### KENTUCKY.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 3, John Bowen, for contempt; 4, A. A. Baxter, for intemperance; 6, J. L. Herron Smith, intemperance; 14, Richard Ballard, intemperance; 20, F. Fennell, intemperance; 24, D.

Wayman, intemperance; 50, N. B. Busby, intemperance; 58, William Schuts, intemperance; 68, J. U. Willson, intemperance; Samuel Patterson, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Peter Stephens, intemperance and gambling; 3, A. Ambrose and Thomas Jordan, intemperance; 6, J. M. Helen, habitual intemperance; 7, Joseph Farren, conduct unbecoming; 13, P. G. Peter Mullen, intemperance; 15, William G. Rogers, defrauding a brother; 17, P. G. Frederick Alberty, habitual intemperance, immoral conduct, and deserting family; 18, J. M. Woods, leaving his wife and taking up with another woman; 20, J. K. Wright and George A. Pennell, intemperance; 21, G. A. Webb, deceiving a young lady; 23, H. Wilkins, intemperance; 29, James C. Alexander, defrauding the city of money collected, and John A. Howe, conduct unbecoming; 35, John Y. Rucker, forgery; 39, M. P. Johnson, intemperance; No. 57, Spencer Menifee, conduct unbecoming; 60, L. Foster, conduct unbecoming; 63, J. J. Hogar and T. J. Ragsdale, conduct unbecoming; 64, Thomas Dugan, threatening to shoot a Dutchman; 70, J. M. Shoemaker, threatening to expose the secrets of the Order; 71, Amos W. Jones, conduct unbecoming; 74, I. W. Hawes, attempted fraud; 75, W. H. Vawter, intemperance; 82, O. C. Mirshon, intemperance; 104, G. Sail, conduct unbecoming; 106, A. Chaimbers, conduct unbecoming.

## VIRGINIA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 4, Philip August, jr., intoxication; 6, George M. Crockrell, intemperance; 8, Joseph A. Tucker, drunkenness; 9, Abner Warrock, drunkenness; 15, John Tabb, R. A. Lively, drunkenness; 16, J. C. Branch, William H. Blank, C. H. Barker, Charles Lumsden, J. R. Lewellen, J. McNiece, Blake Pitman, Thomas Rosser, cause not given; S. N. C. Foster, intoxication; 19, H. Tullock, intemperance; 23, George Price, Sr., intemperance; 24, James Smith, unbecoming conduct; 26, Samuel Lamb, David T. Rice, drunkenness; 27, Madison G. Follin, intoxication; 32, John G. Schmitt, Peter E. Floshower, Samuel H. Boshm, intoxication; 37, F. H. Langfitt, intemperance; 40, J. M. Byrd, drunkenness; 51, O. F. Reed, holding funds as former Treasurer; 56, Robert M. Zimmerman, William Hawkins, intemperance; 58, John Monroe and John Magill, drunkenness; 69, A. H. Moss, intoxication; 71, James Williams, intoxication; 82, William Watkins, drunkenness, William A. Giles, unbecoming conduct; 88, Milburn Gallaher, drunkenness; 100, James H. Miller, D. A. Carter, intoxication; 101, James M. Phelps, drunkenness; 106, William G. Edgar, unbecoming conduct; 120, Thomas A. Lamb, gambling on Sunday.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Joseph Dowling, unbecoming conduct; 6, Henry J. McDaniel, drunkenness; 7, B. F. Royall, unbecoming conduct, John H. Seayers, drunkenness, James H. Fergusson, swindling, Richard H. Roundtree, swindling and gambling; 8, Joseph A. Tucker, immoral conduct, John Michaels, malicious shooting; 10, Ulisses B. Parsley, intoxication; 12, Thomas D. Wallace, intoxication; 13, John Muldrew, John Bennett, drunkenness, William Wat-

son, unbecoming conduct, Thomas McDonald, adultery; 16, William H. Thornberry, unbecoming conduct; 17, William H. Garnett, Thos. Lafferty, drunkenness; 25, E. L. Baker, unbecoming conduct; 26, Charles F. Swartz, drunkenness; 32, George S. Hupp, George B. Clower, drunkenness; 40, William Edison, drunkenness; 44, Joseph Schwartz, absconding from wife and creditors; 51, John Matthews, drunkenness; 58, William A. Suttlington, contempt; 62, Levi Fortney, intemperance; 82, John H. Fair, unbecoming conduct, William A. Giles, contempt; 83, Charles W. Moore, defrauding a brother; 88, A. H. Atkins, Milburn Gallagher, drunkenness, John Steel, Samuel Steel, unbecoming conduct; 94, John W. Callahan, ill-treatment of wife; 95, James Wood, defrauding creditors; 97, John W. Fisher, intoxication; 99, William Toleman, unbecoming conduct; 100, James H. Miller, intoxication; 113, William M. Ritnour, retaining money as former Treasurer; 114, Richard G. Davenport, fraud; 121, John H. Allen, marrying a ——; 123, E. L. Pattee, unbecoming conduct.

## INDIANA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 2, A. C. Christfield, conduct unbecoming; 4, Mason W. Andrews, visiting a house of ill-fame; 6, Joseph Jagers, habitual intoxication, John Tipmore, leaving the State to evade service of process in a charge of selling liquor without a license; 7, John Word, drunkenness, John E. Taylor, not paying debts when able to brothers of the Lodge; 10, L. B. Cooper and Johnson Rowlings, intemperance, and abuse of the members of the Order; 18, Witson W. Parker, intemperance; 20, E. W. Cook and A. Rumer, intoxication; 39, George Lapton, attempting to defraud; 47, Henry Alexander, conduct unbecoming; 48, Smily McKee, intoxication; 51, John G. Stephenson, contempt; 52, Philo Reed, neglect of duty; 53, Martin Cherni, defrauding a brother; 66, Alexander Ducan, intoxication, 69, William C. McCoy, conduct unbecoming; 73, B. V. Trickey, not complying with contract, C. C. Root, intoxication; 75, C. V. N. Lent, quarreling with a brother in an unbecoming manner; 83, Jacob Straw, adultery; 85, Beniah Moss, conduct unbecoming; 88, John S. Council, speaking disrespectfully of Lodge and members; 99, Wilson J. Wright, contempt; 105, Joseph Smith, conduct unbecoming; 106, John Austin, bastardy; 107, Jonathan P. Richey, habitual drunkenness; 114, Amzi White, habitual intoxication; 118, Otto Hense, destroying a brother's property; 121, T. G. Hall, attempted seduction; 129, Henry Fleck, defrauding brothers, Charles Praible, intoxication; 136, Solomon Modlin, defrauding a brother; 140, O. R. Brown and D. Wilson, conduct unbecoming; 142, Thomas J. Dobyns, obtaining money under false representations; 145, James H. Gorden, speaking disrespectfully of Lodge, and habitual intoxication; 153, A. D. Krewson, misrepresenting with intent to injure a brother.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, William J. Jewett, contempt; 2, George H. Bawling, habitual intoxication, T. J. Robinson, defrauding a brother; 6, Edward P. Jones, abandoning his wife; 7, Philip Hoke, drunkenness and abuse of brothers, and John Wood, drunkenness and

disorderly conduct; 11, John Q. Eastman, obtaining money under false pretense, and deserting his family; 18, David A. Redfield, habitual intoxication; 20, Robert Lowry and J. E. Robertson, drunkenness; 30, William H. McCleery, habitual intoxication, and George Freeman, bastardy, and obtaining money fraudulently; 31, Joseph Sloat and J. B. Scott, defrauding creditors; 35, Joseph M. Gregg, forgery, and John Trimble, swindling; 38, James Wallace, contempt and drunkenness; 39, Jacob Fink and O. C. Salley, defrauding; 52, John Whitman, absconding and defrauding brothers; 64, W. P. Hall and B. F. Melburn, habitual intoxication; 66, Robert James, defrauding brothers; 71, Adam Sillers, conduct unbecoming; 72, William F. Davidson, bigamy; 74, James Davis, counterfeiting; 81, George Ruddell, gambling; 87, William P. Colloway, adultery; 100, Willard Clafflin, absconding from the State; 102, George H. Reddle, absconding and defrauding; 104, Noyes White, embezzling the funds of the Lodge, and J. P. Mirick, contempt; 106, G. Burdage, defaming the Order; 108, David Scott, seduction; 112, John G. Grubb, contempt; 115, Michael Kelley, absconding; 118, Magnus Brancker, eloping with another man's wife; 124, J. Y. Antrim, defrauding a brother; 129, John Eberhardt, fraud; 130, Joseph Wilson, conduct unbecoming; 133, Philip Bundy, attempting to defraud his creditors; 134, A. J. Davis, swindling, and C. H. Cool, absconding, leaving his family destitute, and wronging a brother; 140, David Wilmot, conduct unbecoming; 150, Pleasant Parker, putting away his wife without a sufficient cause.

## MISSISSIPPI.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 11, Calvin Hobbs, intemperance; 21, W. J. Fowler, unbecoming conduct; 26, C. Somer, contempt; 30, J. H. King, unbecoming conduct; 34, W. H. Bell, intoxication, T. J. Russell, drunkenness; 37, E. Kellam, drunkenness; 51, R. R. Richeson, unbecoming conduct.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 19, A. Hess, dishonesty; 20, John Hall, unbecoming conduct; 26, J. Schunzell, contempt; 37, T. P. Loyd, unbecoming conduct; 34, W. H. Bell, contempt; 40, B. F. Jones, unbecoming conduct; 54, D. H. Lindsay, unbecoming conduct; 56, C. L. Casselle, contempt; 57, W. Pagan, contempt.

## MISSOURI.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 4, C. L. Miller, wronging brothers; 23, Willis M. Dameron, fraud; 27, John Ramsey, attempted fraud; 46, Michael Poschel, slander; 55, W. J. Ellis, drunkenness, &c.; 65, D. B. Thompson, drunkenness; 66, David B. Palmer, fraud, &c.; 72, C. McHugh, drunkenness.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 3, Leonard Bumb, drunkenness; 4, E. H. Hinton, drunkenness; 5, George W. Knighton, withholding testimony in court of justice; 11, John A. Dolman, dishonesty, William McCormick, dishonesty and immorality; 15, Zenas Handley, swindling; 16, J. M. Willis, contempt; 18, R. P. Perry, forgery and fraud;

20, A. J. Smith, fraud and swindling, Thomas White, contempt, and Robert Owen, contempt; 24, Charles Allen, fraud, Paul Hirth, attempt to defraud, and Jacob Fritschle, wilful and malicious lying; 34, James L. Pearson, drunkenness; 36, James M. Edgar, embezzlement; 38, Name not given, drunkenness; 41, John Wilkin, drunkenness; 48, Owen Barry, drunkenness and contempt, Hanson Johnson, fraud, D. T. Murray, defrauding a brother; 49, John W. Allen, contempt; 65, John H. Osborn, seduction; 67, B. M. Crust, contempt; 71, J. W. Darden, fraud and absconding; 72, John P. Rodney, fighting, and C. McHugh, drunkenness and abusing family.

### TEXAS.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 1, Jacob Weltman, unbecoming conduct; 31, J. D. Williams, unbecoming conduct; 34, J. B. Turner, unbecoming conduct.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, George W. Stansbury, drunkenness; 3, E. G. Muller, conduct unbecoming; 5, L. Heise, swindling; 13, Lewis Hardwick, conduct unbecoming; 17, A. R. Lander, murder, A. May unbecoming conduct; 18, L. G. Taack, swindling; 19, O. W. P. Walker, drunkenness; 20, N. W. Beauchamp, willful falsehood; 23, Foster E. Bonner, attempt to kill; 31, J. F. Vandersmith, contempt, J. M. Skates, unbecoming conduct; 34, W. E. Cox, embezzlement of Lodge funds; 38, J. A. Kenabrew, habitual drunkenness; 39, E. D. Eastman, contempt.

### ALABAMA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 6, Romango Howard, for selling liquor to slaves in violation of law; 11, G. W. Brannan, for contempt; 13, O. Bostwick, conduct unbecoming; 15, T. T. Sunsford, contempt, A. J. Shill, intemperance; 18, A. H. Lloyd, for non-payment of dues and malice against Lodge; 26, R. J. Mitchell, for absconding; 42, J. W. Rickman, adultery; 55, H. M. Stanley, habitual intoxication.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 2, John C. Nichols, forgery; 5, B. Harrison and John W. Higman, abandoning their wives, and leaving Columbia with prostitutes, Samuel J. Perry, gambling; 15, J. M. D. Tan, defrauding creditors, and P. G. A. H. Rowand, conduct unbecoming; 23, Ellerby H. Jones, fraud and conduct unbecoming; 24, J. Galluchat, habitual drunkenness, E. A. Funderbark, conduct unbecoming.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

*Expulsions.*—Forty, conduct unbecoming and intoxication.

### GEORGIA.

*Suspensions.*—Three for intemperance, one for unbecoming conduct, one for contempt.

*Expulsions.*—Five for intemperance, one for swindling, one for defrauding the Lodge.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Expulsions.*—One for neglect of duty, and two for immoral conduct.

MICHIGAN

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 1, P. G. Lewis Hall, habitual drunkenness and conduct unbecoming; 8, Wm. L. Platt, keeping gambling house, and allowing gambling on the premises on Sunday, also, keeping open store on Sunday; 17, Hiram Shafer, defaulter as Treasurer; 41, William Church, conduct unbecoming; 50, William Colbreth, dishonesty; 53, Simon S. Hart, conduct unbecoming and contempt of committee; 57, Marvin L. Pond, card annulled, gambling and absconding with a female of bad character; 59, George M. Boardman, contempt; 61, Morris W. Royrs, conduct unbecoming; 64, A. Wooden, larceny, T. S. Morton, libel upon the Lodge; 66, John McLean, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming; 67, S. W. Hamilton, attempt to commit adultery.

WISCONSIN.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 31, William S. Turner, J. W. Spencer, L. J. Tribert, B. J. Cheney, Joseph Norricon, Joseph Giles, Andrew Willard, Peter V. Brown, J. Moulton, J. R. Goodnow and Buell Austin, receiving money illegally from the Lodge; 76, J. C. Northway, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 11, Henry Mutansen, seduction; 17, Martin Werner, stealing; 57, John Peter Crass, conduct unbecoming; 69, H. S. Moody, selling lottery tickets of a fraudulent concern.

IOWA.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 7, P. G. D. G. McGowan, drunkenness, P. G. Abijah Sawyer and William C. Gibson, conduct unbecoming; 23, William Culver, intoxication; 41, Frederick Padding, selling liquor; 48, A. H. Pickering, conduct unbecoming, B. N. Moore, conduct unbecoming and violation of obligation.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 6, J. Mooney, contempt; 7, P. G. D. G. McGowan, habitual drunkenness, Charles Metzgar, absconding; 8, Jos. H. Reynolds, contempt, J. J. Clayton, seduction; 15, Bruce Hezelip, conduct unbecoming; 20, Manley C. Brooker, drunkenness; 22, Stewart Knight, contempt; 27, E. M. Lorrance, contempt; 30, Joseph Williams, contempt; 32, E. M. Williams, drunkenness; 34, C. H. King, contempt; 41, J. F. Clark and Levi Fuller, contempt; 60, J. G. Webb, violation of Constitution.

VERMONT.

*Suspension.*—By Lodge No. 35, W. Lamb, intemperance.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 22, J. Bosworth, conduct unbecoming; 24, M. M. Cutts and F. B. Griswold, dishonesty.

FLORIDA.

*Expulsion.*—One, for stealing.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

*Suspensions.*—By Lodge No. 25, Robert Chillcote, conduct unbecoming; 205, Milo Betts, stealing; 229, A. G. Hastings, intemperance, Brinten J. Teft, unworthy conduct; 254, William James, one month, drunkenness and disorderly conduct; 310, Allen Goold, late N. G. during the term, conduct unbecoming; 388, Thomas Gregory, conduct unbecoming; 408, R. H. Harrman, three months, for contempt of the Lodge.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 5, P. G. A. A. Wilkins, embezzling funds of the Lodge; 7, P. G. Robert Wood, defrauding the Lodge; 10, Clement Earl, contempt; 11, J. C. Sears, conduct unbecoming; 13, Edwin Lawrence, contempt; 17, George Rodgers, contempt; 44, William R. Jones, contempt; 53, Nathaniel Sever, habitual intemperance; 55, P. G. Dennis Ready, drunkenness; 62, P. G. Leonard Barker, dealing and vending counterfeit money; 63, John McDonald, contempt and intoxication; 70, Richard T. Knight, contempt; 95, William Bennett, adultery; 112, Alonzo T. Smith, dishonesty and contempt; 130, Mitchel Waters, bigamy; 179, Isaac A. Hoag, forging notes; 185, Franklin Hizart, leaving his own family and absconding with another woman; 197, James F. Bush, contempt of Lodge; 212, Wilton A. Hulbert, misconduct; 232, Abraham Sleeper, contempt, Levy W. Slaughton, forsaking his wife; 251, Lee A. Hitchcock, bad conduct to his family; 253, Norman Randell, conduct unbecoming; 259, Eli H. Nickerson, embezzling Lodge money belonging to widows' and orphans' funds, Robert Wiler, contempt; 260, Mitchel G. Seekel, stealing; 272, Edward Ireton, borrowing money on false pretenses, and cheating a brother of the Order; 273, James Forsyth, contempt of the Lodge, J. Bartholamew, contempt of the Lodge, B. M. Delong, contempt of the Lodge; 297, Caleb Horton, contempt; 301, Joseph A. Walker, conduct unbecoming; 332, John Gray, conduct unbecoming; 342, R. J. Hum, contempt of Lodge; 348, John H. Flin, drunkenness, William W. Palmer, improper conduct out of the Lodge; 359, M. K. Hatch, conduct unbecoming; 369, Darius Fisher, drunkenness and contempt; 390, William V. Lisk, defrauding the Lodge, David T. Hall, stealing from the Lodge, S. W. Burdick, stealing from the Lodge; 391, Lardis Branard, contempt; 393, John W. Jones, contempt; 395, Ransom Stage, drunkenness; 396, Joseph Fenton, contempt; 398, Oliver E. Wheeler, conduct unbecoming; 415, R. P. Barhans, withholding money belonging to the Lodge; 424, Liscomb Weeks, contempt; 429, Aaron Stinnetz, divulging the secrets of the Order; 431, Cornelius Schemehon, theft; 435, Henry James, passing counterfeit money; 445, J. F. W. Perry, contempt of Lodge; 446, J. M. Scott, obtaining goods under false pretences; 450, James H. Lawrence, drunkenness; 454, Lewis T. Chapplin, contempt of Lodge; 460, Frederick Wheelon, contempt; 474, J. J. Stebbins, conduct unbecoming; 482, Joel W. Earll, conduct unbecoming.

CALIFORNIA.

*Expulsions.*—By Lodge No. 3, John L. Bleakley, conduct unbecoming, James McElrath, contempt; 5, J. C. Mills, defrauding a brother;

8, P. G. George W. Chedic, conduct unbecoming, since reinstated; 11, John Taber and S. F. Hoole, conduct unbecoming; 15, A. Mowry, swindling the Lodge, since reinstated; 17, G. J. Hubert Saunders, contempt; 18, R. Hopkins, contempt; 21, John V. Gowan, contempt; 22, S. W. Matthewson, contempt; 29, James M. Merrill, contempt; 33, J. W. Groves, contempt.

# GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

## MARYLAND.

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 1, Noah Gill, J. Judifine and T. H. Mears, from Lodge; 10, William Collins and B. F. Williams, from Lodge; 11, Richard Bond, from Lodge; 12, H. Cordus, from Lodge.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

*Suspension.*—One, in Lodge.
*Expulsion.*—One, in Lodge.

## PENNSYLVANIA

*Expulsions.*—Six, improper conduct.

## OHIO.

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 4, E. H. Barton, retaining money of Encampment and contempt; 22, John P. Slough, by Subordinate Lodge; 26, Martin Molester, from Subordinate Lodge; 37, Phillip Bruner, slander and wronging a brother.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 1, B. Veterline, T. K. Williams, A. Horn and John P. Hughes, by Subordinate Lodge; 6, William King and E. R. Carter, by Subordinate Lodge; 8, Jerome Wirt, C. H. Moses and Moses Kees, by Subordinate Lodge; 11, Ralph Jackson, by Subordiuate Lodge, for obtaining money from Lodges under false pretenses of distress; 27, A. L. Davidson, conduct unbecoming; 34, W. W. McMains, by Subordinate Lodge; 58, Jeremiah Filler, immoral couduct.

## NORTHERN NEW YORK.

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 6, Geo. R. Chase, by Lodge; 14, James Stewart and Harvey Stewart, by Lodge; 47, A. T. Prentice, by Lodge; 50, G. A. Northrup, M. P. Smith, S. J. Olmsted, D. D. Denton, H. B. Barndred, G. N. Gregory, by Lodge; 52, James T. Brown, J. W. Vary, by Lodge.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 68, Darius Fisher, drunkenness.

VIRGINIA.

*Suspensions.*—Four, for intoxication.
*Expulsions.*—Two, for intoxication.

KENTUCKY.

*Expulsions.*—Four, by Subordinate Lodge.

GEORGIA.

*Expulsion.*—One, for intemperance.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 3, James A. Burns, for defalcation.

INDIANA

*Suspensions.*—By Encampment No. 1, W J. Jewell, for contempt; 2, T. S. Blanford, withdrawn from Subordinate Lodge, William T. Davidson, bigamy, Samuel Brown, from Subordinate Lodge; 9, John Mayer and Seth Clarke, not contributing members of Subordinate Lodge; 13, Eugene R. Morerod, not a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge, Joseph Jagers, suspended for three years by Subordinate Lodge for habitual intoxication; 17, John G. Stephenson, contempt; 18, C. A. Weiser, withdrawn from Subordinate Lodge; 24, H. Alexander, from Subordinate Lodge for conduct unbecoming.

*Expulsions.*—By Encampment No. 2, T. J. Robinson, for defrauding brothers; 32, William H. McClary, habitual intoxication, George Freeman, bastardy and obtaining money fraudulently.

LOUISIANA.

*Expulsions.*—Two, for conduct unbecoming.

MISSISSIPPI.

*Expulsion.*—One, for intoxication.

MISSOURI.

*Expulsions.*—Two, by Subordinate Lodges for fraud.

TEXAS.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 6, O. W. P. Walker, for drunkenness.

CALIFORNIA.

*Expulsion.*—By Encampment No. 3, S. F. Hoole, conduct unbecoming.

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# DIGEST OF THE LAWS

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ABSENCE. (123.

1. An elective officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States vacates his office if he fails to be present at the time appointed for installation, 2372-3.

2. A Grand Representative, duly elected and commissioned, who absents himself from the Grand Lodge of the United States at the first session of his term, does not for that reason forfeit his right to a seat at a subsequent session, unless he shall have been arraigned and removed for neglect of duty under the penal laws of his own jurisdiction, 1992, 2114, 2169.

3. In absenting himself temporarily from his jurisdiction, a District Deputy Grand Sire has authority to appoint a qualified brother or brothers to install the officers of lodges and encampments during his necessary absence, 1992, 2114, 2170, 2180.

4. In the absence of the brother deputed to install the officers of a lodge or encampment, any qualified brother who is in attendance may perform the ceremony, 1992, 2114, 2170, 2180.

ABSENCE, continued.

5. If an officer elect of a Subordinate Lodge absents himself on installation night, unless a satisfactory excuse be given for his non-attendance, the installing officer may require the lodge immediately to elect another officer in the place of the absentee, 2215, 2251, 2214, 2327.

6. An installed officer of a lodge or encampment does not vacate his office by non-attendance unless the local law provides such a penalty, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

7. When a Noble Grand fails to appear for installation for some time after the regular period, the discharge of his duties and the appointment of subordinate officers devolve upon the Vice-Grand; and, under such circumstances, if the local laws provide for the vacation of office for non-attendance, the lodge may treat the Vice-Grand as installed into the superior office and vacate his inferior office, 2216, 2251, 2264, 2327.

8. When a Noble Grand elect forfeits his office by absence at the time of installation, the brother elected and installed in his place is the Noble Grand of the lodge, 2403-4, 2450, 2481, 2503.

9. In the absence of the two principal officers of a lodge it may open and proceed to business with a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair and a scarlet member in the Vice-Grand's chair, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

10. A Subordinate Lodge cannot grant an elective officer leave of absence for the majority of the nights of a term without working a forfeiture of the honors of the term to the officer to whom such leave of absence is granted, 1845, 1886, 1898, 1949, 1952.

11. An officer of a lodge who is absent on account of sickness for a majority of the nights of his term does not thereby forfeit the honors of the term, 2309, 2345.

12. In the absence of Past Grands, a Noble Grand can deliver the Junior Past Grand's charge at initiation, but a Vice-Grand cannot, 1845, 1895, 1952.

13. The propriety of imposing fines upon members for being absent from funerals is a subject for local legislation, 1934, 1962.

14. If a member guilty of an offence absents himself for the purpose of avoiding the service of notice, he may be expelled for contempt, 2463, 2483, 2504.

15. If charges be preferred against a brother who cannot be found, so as to allow the charges and notice of trial to be served upon him personally, his lodge or encampment may proceed with the trial upon proof that such service is impracticable, and also that a copy of the charges and a notice of trial have been deposited at the post office and at his residence for him; provided

*These folios are continued from the Digest and Index of 1852.

ABSENCE, continued.

that such papers shall be deemed to have been served upon him only from the date when the constructive service here prescribed is complete; and provided further, that if such brother should return after his trial, (he not having been present either in person or by counsel,) and ask for a new trial, the same shall be granted to him, 2507, 2522, 2531.

16. Leave of absence granted to members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1895, 1919, 1930, 1943, 1946, 1953, 2150, 2167, 2168, 2176, 2178, 2180, 2187, 2278, 2314, 2346, 2463, 2465, 2495, 2498, 2510, 2517, 2521, 2523.

ACCOUNTS.

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States requires accounts to be opened for each appropriation; restrains payments exceeding the appropriation, and prohibits the transfer of appropriations from one object to another, 2515, 2521.

2. The tabular statement of moneys received are required to be so arranged as to exhibit in parallel columns the amounts received for each specific purpose from each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and also from each Subordinate Lodge and Subordinate Encampment under the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2520.

3. Reports of the Finance Committee commending the accuracy and plainness of the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1929, 2156.

4. A change recommended in the manner of keeping the accounts, so as to simplify the system adopted in 1851 by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2514.

5. For reference to exhibits of the accounts between the Grand Lodge of the United States and State Grand Bodies, and also to general exhibits of the receipts and expenditures, see FINANCE.

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1. Inaugural address of Grand Sire DeSaussure, 1995.

2. Inaugural address of Grand Sire William Ellison, 2446.

ADJOURNMENT. (124.)

Subordinate Lodges have no power to adjourn, but must close in due form, and if an extra meeting be required it must be called as provided in their respective by-laws, 1846, 1886, 1949.

ALABAMA. (125.)

1. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved. 2111, 2112, 2169

*These folios are continued from the Digest and Index of 1852.

ALABAMA, continued.

2. Two hundred and fifty dollars appropriated for the relief of sick brethren in Mobile during the prevalence of yellow fever in that city, 2161.

3. Grand Representatives from this State since the year 1851, viz: Charles R. Hansford, 1828, 2398; William E. Jennings, 1828; N. G. Shelley, 1832; Edward B. Lyman, 1985; Robert O. Shaw, 2110; Joshua A. Massey, 2206; Isaac D. Williamson, 2207; P. C. Smith, 2206, 2396; F. J. Barnard, 2398.

ALTERNATES. (128.)

AMENDMENT. (128.)

1. Alterations or amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States must be offered in writing at an annual session by one or more Representatives from three different States, and be entered on the Journal. At the next annual session the amendments may be considered, and, if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed amendments become a part of the Constitution, 2378.

2. Alterations or amendments of the by-laws must be proposed in writing at an annual session, and must be acted on at the same session, but not on the same day they are offered. Two-thirds of the votes given are necessary to adopt such amendments, 2378.

3. All propositions to amend the Constitution or By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States are required to be written out in full in the precise words in which it is proposed that the amendment should read if adopted, 2143, 2181, 2182.

4. The unwritten work of the Order cannot be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the written work of the Order cannot be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of said Grand Lodge, 2372.

5. In the Grand Lodge of the United States no more than two amendments to a proposition can be entertained at the same time—that is, an amendment and an amendment to an amendment; and the question is taken first on the latter, 1845, 2389.

6. For reference to amendments adopted or submitted, see CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, or other subject to which they relate.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

So far as this term applies to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, see SESSIONS; and so far as it relates to the annual reports of its officers, see REPORTS.

ANNUL, NULL. (130.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States may, by a two-thirds vote, annul the charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or of a Subordinate Lodge or Subordinate Encampment working under its immediate jurisdiction, for a violation of its laws, 2371.

2. Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States forfeit their charters by failing to make due returns for four quarters, and it is the duty of the Grand Sire to reclaim all such, 2385.

3. The charter of State Encampment, No. 3, of Iowa, reclaimed during the recess of 1851-2 on account of its neglect to make proper returns to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1837.

4. A State Grand Lodge has power summarily to reclaim the charter of one of its own Subordinates, 1919, 1932, 1961.

5. Grand Lodges may enact laws regulating the manner of annulling cards, provided such laws do not conflict with the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2105, 2145, 2177.

6. A withdrawal card can only be annulled during the twelve months such a card has vitality. Such an enactment, however, will not have the effect of revoking the card or of expelling its owner from the Order, but will bring him back into the lodge, where, after due notice of the charges which induced the lodge to abrogate his card, and a fair and impartial trial thereof, he may be expelled or acquitted, 2105, 2145, 2177.

APPEAL.—*Laws governing cases of.* (131.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States will entertain jurisdiction of an appeal by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, from a decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, provided such appeal be presented with the consent of the Grand Body whose act is thus brought under review, 2371.

2. It will also entertain an appeal from a decision of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment when such appeal is presented by a member or members thereof, 2371.

3. It will entertain, without the consent of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, jurisdiction of an appeal by an expelled lodge or encampment, from the judgment of expulsion pronounced by its immediate superior, provided the subordinate has duly submitted to the said judgment and delivered up its effects, 2371.

4. In all cases the decision of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is final and conclusive until reversed, on a direct appeal therefrom, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2372.

APPEAL.—*Laws governing cases of*, continued.

5. The Grand Sire may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, or by the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

6. The Grand Sire may also hear and decide such questions, other than questions arising out of their Constitutions, as may be submitted to him by the State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampments, or by the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

7. The decisions of the Grand Sire upon all questions lawfully submitted to him is binding upon the bodies or persons submitting the same until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

8. No inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order will be entertained by the Grand Lodge of the United States unless it be submitted by a Grand Body, or be connected with an appeal from the decision of a Grand Body, 1953, 1954, 2386.

9. All papers relating to appeal brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States must be furnished by the appellants, printed in pamphlet form on a page of the same size as the pages of this Journal; and in default thereof the appeal may be referred back for informality, 2493, 2499, 2521.

10. A Grand Representative who is interested in the decision of an appeal from his own Grand Lodge may nevertheless vote thereon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2504.

11. If a lodge deny a card to a member who is not disqualified he may have redress upon appeal to his Grand Lodge, 2515, 2518, 2530.

APPEAL.—*Disposition of cases of.* (133.)

1. S. G. Swan from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The appellant had offered in the Grand Lodge of Texas a resolution requiring the officers of Subordinate Lodges to be in possession of the Degree of Rebekah, in addition to the other requisite qualifications, which resolution was rejected. The Grand Lodge of the United States decided that there was nothing informal or wrong in this act of the Grand Lodge of Texas, 1847, 1899, 1952.

2. Franklin Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This case involved a nice point. By the local laws of Maryland a brother whose dues are twenty-six nights in arrears is not entitled to receive any benefits until he shall have

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paid all arrears, and continued a regular contributing member for three months thereafter. A member of Franklin Lodge thus in arrears paid at the first meeting in January the full amount that was due at the end of the last preceding meeting in December, said amount being all the arrears claimed by the Secretary. In the ensuing month of April the brother died. Franklin Lodge denied him benefits on the ground that the entire amount of his arrears had not been liquidated, inasmuch as the dues accruing at the first meeting in January were not included in the payment made on that night. This decision was reversed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the judgment of that body was sustained by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1848, 1935, 1962.

3. P. G. Dunlap from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana that a Subordinate Lodge has the right to grant leave of absence to its Noble Grand for the majority of the nights of a term. The Grand Lodge of the United States decided that such a leave of absence could not be granted without working a forfeiture of the honors of the term to the officer accepting it, 1886, 1898. 1952.

4. Michael Seagers and others from a decision of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, refusing to allow a Representative and a Past High Priest from the same Subordinate Encampment to cast more than one vote for Grand Officers, on the ground that Representatives and Past Officers from the same Subordinate Encampment are entitled to cast but one vote collectively. The appeal being informal it was dismissed, 1912, 1916, 1956.

5. P. G. Fabri from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana upon the right of a Grand Body to omit recording any part of its proceedings. The Grand Lodge of the United States decided that a Grand Lodge may omit any portion of its proceedings that are not proper to be placed upon record, 1845, 1915, 1956.

6. G. N. Seagrave from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, by which it sustained the course of one of its Subordinates in disallowing an appeal from its decision refusing to permit its Secretary to give his certificate that certain members had signed a protest against a judgment of the Lodge in a case of expulsion. The appeal was not sustained, 1845, 1916, 1917, 1956.

7. W. K. Edwards from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana relative to fining members failing to attend funerals. The appeal was not sustained, on the ground that the subject to which it referred was a proper one for the legislation of State Grand Bodies, 1934, 1962.

8. William Henderson from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana granting a charter to certain petitioners for a lodge whose

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final cards did not accompany the petition. It would seem from the report of the committee in this case that the cards *might* have been in the hands of a District Deputy Grand Master of Indiana, as provided by the local law of that State. The appeal was not sustained, the Grand Lodge of Indiana being deemed a competent tribunal to determine the construction of its own law in the case, 1934-5, 1962.

9. Alexander E. Glenn from a decision of the Grand Encampment of Ohio. The question at issue was that the Grand Encampment had appointed a committee to revise its constitution; that said committee had duly reported a new form of constitution; and that when said form came up for consideration a two-thirds vote was required to adopt it, the same as if it had been an amendment. P. G. P. Glenn assumed the ground that it was not an amendment, and might be adopted by a majority vote. His appeal was not sustained, 2103, 2116, 2170.

10. J. N. Marks from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The constitution of said Grand Lodge provides that when a vote shall be taken by lodges each shall be entitled to such number of votes as may correspond with the entire number of representatives to which it is entitled. In determining a question under this law the Grand Lodge decided that the full vote of a lodge could be given only in cases when all its representatives who were present agreed in opinion, for the reason that if those present should be divided it was not improbable that such as were absent might also be divided, and therefore the voice of the lodge could not be known. The committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States reported in favor of affirming this decision, but by a vote of the body they were instructed to reverse it, which they did, but neither report was adopted, 2103, 2117, 2170, 2172, 2296, 2353.

11. George W. Race from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, by which it resolved to construe the above-recited article of the constitution so as to permit the Representatives of Subordinate Lodges when divided in opinion to vote per capita, but that when one or more than one are present and not divided in opinion, then he or they shall be entitled to cast the full vote to which the lodge is entitled. Rep. Race appealed from this act of his Grand Lodge on the ground that it was virtually an amendment of the constitution and should have gone through the necessary forms of such an amendment. As in the foregoing case, the committee reported in favor of affirming the act of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, but by a vote of the Grand Lodge of the United States they were directed to reverse their judgment, and it does not appear that the latter report was ever considered, 2103, 2118, 2170, 2172.

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12. J. L. Polhemus from a decision of the District Deputy Grand Sire of California, in ordering a new election of officers on account of some informality. This being an unofficial paper and from an individual member it was dismissed, 2118, 2119, 2173.

13. James E. Sabine, of New Mexico, submitting a question of local law. The appeal being informal its subject-matter was not considered, 2119, 2173.

14. Elijah Hughes from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland affirming an act of Oriental Lodge whereby the said brother was suspended for five years. The appeal was not sustained, 2113, 2138, 2177.

15 Peter Fritz from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania relating to a matter personal to himself. The appeal being informal in its character, it was not entertained, 2144, 2172.

16. Washington Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This is a complicated and interesting case. Thomas Crane, a member of Washington Lodge, claimed three weeks' sick dues; the lodge upon investigation denied his claim; he sued for it and recovered a judgment before a justice of the peace; this judgment, on appeal, was reversed for want of jurisdiction by the appellate court; the lodge suspended Crane indefinitely for bringing the suit; the Grand Lodge of Maryland declared such suspension nugatory; and Washington Lodge then suspended Crane for twenty-five years. John H. Ing, a member of the lodge, who had been the legal counsellor of Crane, whilst referring to the case in debate denounced the course of the lodge as infamous; exception was taken to his language; charges were preferred against him for its utterance; he was tried, found guilty, suspended indefinitely, and on appeal to the Grand Lodge of Maryland that body confirmed this decision. Nineteen months afterwards Ing applied to his lodge for reinstatement; he was rejected; the Grand Lodge, on petition, refused to fix a limit to his suspension, and his own lodge resolved that it never would restore him to membership. This latter decision caused another appeal to the Grand Lodge, which decided that the appellant was in "the same condition as he was between the report of his lodge and the passage of the resolution of suspension." Soon after this the case was again taken up in Washington Lodge and the offending brother suspended for twenty-five years. Still another appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge, and that body resolved to investigate the whole case, which had been two or three times before its "executive committee," by now referring it to a special committee, invested with power to summon the parties before it and try the case *de novo*. This trial of the case, which had been agitated from time to time for five years, resulted in a decision by the Grand

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Lodge of Maryland terminating the suspension of the appellant, on the ground that all suspensions must be for a limited period, and that the spirit of the law contemplates that such limit should be for a reasonable time, and not extend beyond the ordinary period of human life. From this action of the Grand Lodge an appeal was taken by Washington Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the immediate point in this appeal being that the Grand Lodge of Maryland had disregarded its own constitution in having investigated the case by a special committee instead of the regular standing committee to which such business was assigned by its organic law. The Grand Lodge of the United States affirmed the acts of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, both in the decision the latter had pronounced and in the manner it had finally conducted the investigation of the case, after it had been two or three times in the hands of its executive committee, 2103, 2181, 2284, 2340.

17. Washington Lodge of Louisiana from a decision of the Grand Lodge of that State. The points in this case are, that a brother who held the office of Permanent Secretary resigned after about four months service, and the lodge refused to pay for the service he had performed on the ground that by his resignation all the emoluments as well as the honors of his office devolved upon his successor. An appeal having been taken to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, that body decided that a brother elected to an office under such circumstances was entitled only to the official privileges and honors of the previous incumbent, and not to any emoluments he had earned prior to his resignation. This decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was affirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2268, 2328.

18. C. W. Cowan from the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio. This appeal complained of irregularity in the adoption of a revised form of constitution for the said Grand Encampment; and it appearing that the act was not done at an annual session (as was required by the constitution) the appeal was sustained by the Grand Lodge of the United States, which declared the old constitution to be still in force, 2289, 2340.

19. McKee Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. A brother of McKee Lodge had been afflicted with two spells of sickness, one spell of three months and another of five months, with an interval between them of nearly two months. The lodge refused to allow benefits for the last sickness on the ground that at its commencement the brother's account was more than thirteen weeks' in arrears; but, as the lodge was indebted to the brother for his first sickness to an amount exceeding his arrears, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky ordered his full claim for sick dues to be allowed. The Grand Lodge of the United States confirmed the decision of the Grand Lodge, 2291, 2341.

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20. Manayunk Benevolent Degree Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in regard to the right to confer degrees by Subordinate Lodges. No printed statement of the case having been submitted, nor any evidence that the appeal was taken with the assent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it was dismissed, 2293, 2341.

21. Loraine Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. This appeal relates to the case of a member who at the commencement of his death-sickness was in arrears for dues, but paid them in part during his sickness, and in consideration of which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky decided that he was entitled to funeral and other benefits. This decision was reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States in pursuance of the existing law that a sick member cannot be permitted, while he continues sick, to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits, 2311, 2346.

22. G. W. Woodward from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. This case involves the right of a lodge to expel a member for non-payment of dues. The Grand Lodge of the United States decided adversely to the exercise of this right, on the ground that it is not in accordance with the principles of the Order to visit misfortune with the extreme penalty that is inflicted for criminal offences, 2275, 2330, 2347.

23. Thomas Lawrence and others from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York. The constitution of the said Grand Lodge provides, substantially, in three different articles, that all its legislative and judicial business shall be transacted by the elective Grand Officers and the duly elected Representatives of Lodges, who shall for the time being be denominated "legislative members;" that except in elections for Grand Officers no member shall be permitted to vote or speak unless he is at the time a legislative member; and that Grand Representatives are elective officers of that Grand Lodge. A question having arisen as to the right of Grand Representatives to vote and speak, and thus exercise the privileges of regular legislative members of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, that body decided the question affirmatively; and, as being in conformity with the organic law of that jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of the United States sustained this decision, 2451, 2467, 2501.

24. Wayne Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The points of this case are that a member of Wayne Lodge was reported sick; his indisposition continued for some time; during its continuance he to some extent attended to his usual business; and it was decided that a member suffering with a chronic malady which does not prevent him from going to his place of business and superintending it in a limited degree,

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is not entitled to benefits as a sick brother. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did not concur in this judgment of Wayne Lodge, which thereupon took an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the appeal was sustained, 2452, 2471, 2503.

25. John W. Colley from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in declaring him ineligible for and refusing to install him into the office of Grand Warden of the said Grand Lodge. It appears that brother Colley was the first Noble Grand of Oriental Lodge, was duly elected and installed, and served a full term. After passing that chair the past official degrees were conferred upon him. Subsequently he was elected Grand Warden of his Grand Lodge. The law of Maryland provides as a qualification for the office of Grand Warden prior service as Vice Grand and Secretary. The law of the Grand Lodge of the United States provides that "the first Noble Grand of a new or revived lodge is entitled to all the official degrees." Therefore the Grand Lodge of the United States sustained the appeal and directed brother Colley to be installed as Grand Warden, 2452, 2468, 2501.

26. Teoronto Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York. This was the case of a brother who was admitted to membership in Teoronto Lodge as an ancient Odd-Fellow. He was afterwards stricken from the roll by the action of said Lodge on the allegation that at the time of his admission he was a suspended member of another lodge in the same jurisdiction. It ultimately appeared, however, that the brother had a genuine withdrawal card, lawfully issued, and which was of record. The Grand Lodge of Northern New York therefore reinstated him, and its decision in the case was affirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2453, 2484, 2504.

27. Charles J. Collins, of California, presenting the question whether a Subordinate Lodge has a right to enact a law making it obligatory upon the junior Past Grand to perform the duty of Chaplain, and to fine him for non-performance. The Grand Lodge of the United States decided that a lodge had not the power to enforce by fine the performance of such a duty, 2461, 2491, 2508.

28. George W. Chedic from the decision of Pacific Encampment, located at Sacramento city, California. At the time this appeal was forwarded the Grand Encampment of California was not instituted, but it having been organized subsequently it became the proper tribunal to try the appeal. The applicant was accordingly permitted to withdraw his papers, 2470-1, 2503.

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29. James Burke and A. Shinkle (two cases) from decisions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. They were both dismissed without prejudice for want of the necessary documents to enable the Grand Lodge of the United States to decide upon their merits, 2451, 2453, 2492, 2519.

30. A. Shell from a decision of the Grand Lodge of California, whereby it refused to strike out a clause in its constitution recognising the eligibility of scarlet members for the office of Noble Grand. The appeal was sustained, and the Grand Lodge was directed to strike the said clause from its constitution, 2462, 2470, 2503.

APPORTIONMENT. (153.)

1. Representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States is so apportioned as to allow one Representative to each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having less than one thousand members, and two Representatives to such as have more than one thousand members, 2375.

2. Many ineffectual efforts have been made to change this apportionment, which are duly noticed under CONSTITUTION.

APPROPRIATIONS. (153.)

1. Appropriations made by the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot be transferred from one object to another; accounts are required to be opened for each specific appropriation, and the officers are restrained from making payments for any object in excess of the amount appropriated therefor, 2515, 2521.

2. Refusal to adopt a proposition having in view the prevention of any appropriation of funds belonging to the Order to purposes not strictly pertaining to the Order, 2175.

3. For reference to appropriations made by the Grand Lodge of the United States, see FINANCE.

APPROVAL. (153.)

1. The constitutions of all Grand Bodies, and of Subordinate Bodies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, must be submitted to the latter body for examination and approval, 2381.

2. It is not necessary thus to submit for approval the by-laws of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, 1835, 1899, 1953.

ARKANSAS. (153.)

1. A charter issued for the establishment of Walker Encampment, No. 5, Washington, during the recess of 1854-5, and confirmed at the subsequent session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2424, 2479, 2503.

ARKANSAS, continued.

2. Rev. Reuben Jones, of this State, appointed Grand Chaplain, (but it does not appear that he was present during the session,) 2446.

3. Grand Representatives from this State since the year 1851, viz: J. P. Norman, 1831; R. M. Johnson, 2324, 2396.

ARREARS. (155.)

1. The Representatives of no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which is in arrears for money due to the Grand Lodge of the United States can be allowed to vote in that body, 2381.

2. In order to enforce this law the Grand Sire is required to obtain from the Grand Secretary at the opening of every annual session an exhibit of the indebtedness of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and place the same in possession of the committee on credentials to enable them to perform their duty in conformity with the law, 2530.

3. Any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States which is in arrears for one year forfeits its charter, and it is the duty of the Grand Sire to reclaim it, 2385.

4. Suspension from membership works no suspension from arrears; and upon a reinstatement the full amount accruing before and after suspension should be paid, 1884, 1885, 1948.

5. Some modification of this law suggested by Grand Sire Moore, but not concurred in by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1993, 2137, 2177.

6. In reinstating a person who has lost his connexion with the Order by disuse, a lodge has the power to make such an arrangement in regard to accumulated dues as will enable the reinstatement, 1885, 1948.

7. A Subordinate Lodge may settle by compromise its claims for arrears of dues upon its own members who are under suspension for non-payment of dues, 2454, 2464, 2495, 2520.

8. A brother who is not in possession of the term password, and who is in arrears to an amount that disqualifies him from receiving it, cannot be admitted to his lodge, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

ASSESSMENT. (155.)

1. Refusal to direct the Grand Secretary to credit to the different Grand Bodies fifty per cent. of the amount of money paid by said bodies under the assessment tax of 1849, 1946, 2158.

2. Refusal to return to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the assessment tax of 1850, which was paid by said State under protest, 2459, 2497, 2520.

BALLOT. (157.)—See VOTE.

BENEFITS. (158.)

1. A brother cannot be denied sick benefits by his lodge on the ground that he is in arrears for dues, so long as the lodge is indebted to such brother on account of a prior sickness to an amount sufficient to place him in good standing, 2291, 2341.

2. A sick member cannot be permitted, while he continues sick, to pay dues in arrears so as to entitle himself to benefits, 2311, 2346.

3. A brother who is suffering with a chronic complaint, but is yet able to go to his place of business, superintend it, and participate in it to a degree, is *prima facie* not entitled to benefits as a sick member, although this presumption may be rebutted by positive evidence, 2471, 2503.

4. Brothers afflicted with lunacy are entitled to the same benefits as those who suffer from bodily infirmity, 1993, 2137, 2177.

5. The family of a member who commits suicide is not debarred from benefits, 2403, 2451, 2481, 2503.

6. A member is entitled to the benefits accruing from sickness in a hazardous clime, if the disease has not been contracted by immoral living, 1845, 1885, 1948.

7. Lodges have no right to deny their members visiting cards, nor to deny to them the usual benefits, when they purpose a temporary residence in California or any other place in which a change in their ordinary occupation would increase the risk to health and life, 2494, 2508, 2524.

8. A lodge may, with the consent of its Grand Lodge, require the payment of higher dues from members going out of the State in which the lodge is located than of those residing in the State. 1888, 1896, 1952.

9. Suggestion from the Grand Lodge of Texas as to the propriety of an enactment by which travelling brothers in possession of visiting cards might obtain sick dues or receive funeral honors from any lodge near which they might be afflicted, and proceedings in reference thereto, including two adverse reports, which were adopted, 1884, 1920, 1939, 1947, 1948, 1963.

10. Upon the issuing of a visiting card by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment the Secretary or Scribe thereof is required to certify upon it the amount of weekly and funeral benefits allowed by the constitution or by-laws of such lodge or encampment, (see CARDS,) and the lodge or encampment issuing the card is bound for any proper relief bestowed upon the brother holding it by any lodge or encampment or general relief committee. Such bodies however, are required, when they are thus applied

BENEFITS, continued.

to for relief, to obtain the certificate of a respectable physician as to the time the brother has been sick, and to take from the latter a draft upon his lodge or encampment for whatever amount he may have received, which draft, together with the certificate, must be forwarded for payment; and in the event of the death of a brother, and his being buried by a lodge, encampment, or general relief committee, it is necessary to forward the physician's certificate, or that of some other respectable citizen, together with his card and a proper voucher for the amount so advanced. These requisitions being complied with, all moneys advanced for the relief of visiting brothers must be promptly refunded by the lodge or encampment of which they are members, 1947, 2104, 2115-6, 2150-51, 2180.

11. Refusal to require payment in advance of one year's dues from brothers taking withdrawal cards, and to make such brothers beneficial members for one year after the date of their cards, 2125, 2167, 2179.

12. Refusal to provide for the initiation of persons of advanced age, or such as may be afflicted with other infirmities, on condition of their relinquishment of benefits, 2493, 2521.

13. Annual Reports of the expenditures on account of benefits, 1879, 2023, 2245, 2437.

14. For reference to some interesting matter relating to dues and benefits, see VITAL STATISTICS.

BINDING.—Included with PRINTING.

BLIND, DEAF, AND DUMB. (159.)

BOND. (159.)

Bond and security required of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1929, 1930, 1958-9.

BOOKS. (160.)

1. The proceeds of sales of the books, cards, diplomas, odes, certificates, &c. of the Order form a part of the revenue of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and it is an infringement of the rights of that body for any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to print any portion of the work or other supplies, 2383.

2. Resolutions proposing to reduce the price of books and other supplies, and a report of the committee on finance favoring the proposition, which does not appear to have been considered, 2124, 2158, 2163.

3. The said proposition considered and disagreed to at the ensuing session and rejected, 2314, 2324-5.

BOOKS, continued.

4. The work of Subordinate Lodges and the degree of Rebekah ordered to be translated and printed in the French, Spanish, and German languages, and sold at a price not exceeding two dollars, 1919, 1931, 1960.

5. The opening and closing ceremony for Degree Lodges ordered to be printed and distributed to Grand Lodges, and the price thereof fixed at one hundred per cent. advance upon the cost, 1937, 1963, 1966.

6. The form of ceremony for installing the officers of encampments directed to be inserted in the charge books of that branch of the Order, 2296, 2330, 2349.

7. The Digest of Laws and the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States directed to be sold at one dollar per copy, 2153.

8. The fourth volume of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States directed to be published, with a full and complete Index corresponding with that of the previous volumes, 2495, 2500, 2521, 2522.

9. For what relates to the books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, see ACCOUNTS, FINANCE, JOURNAL, or other subject.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. (161.)

1. An appropriation of fifty dollars received from the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec in aid of the "Wildey Annuity," 1856.

2. The feeble condition in 1852 of a portion of the Order in British North America alluded to in the annual report of the Grand Secretary, 1856.

3. The Grand Lodge of British North America, chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1846, suspended the exercise of its functions in the Spring of 1853, whereupon its Subordinates reverted to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1989-90, 1999.

4. The report of the Grand Sire on this subject referred to a special committee, which submitted an able report, reviewing the condition of the Order in British North America, and making provision for the reclamation of the charter of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction and for the formal reception of its existing Subordinates under the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2111, 2139, 2177.

5. The Grand Lodge formally surrendered its authority on the 14th of October, 1853, to the Grand Sire of the United States, who visited Montreal for the purpose, and the existing lodges and encampments formally restored to the jurisdiction of the Grand

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Lodge of the United States, and the territory divided into three districts, designated as the district of Canada West, the district of Canada East, and the district of the Lower Provinces, 2210, 2211.

6. In less than one year from the time of this transfer of jurisdiction eight new lodges had been chartered in these Provinces, viz: Rose Lodge, No. 28, located in Amhertsburg, Canada West; Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham, Canada West; Eureka Lodge, No. 30, London, Canada West; Morpeth Lodge, No. 31, Morpeth, Canada West; Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas, Canada West; Erie Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, Canada West; Eastern Star Lodge, No. 34, at Pictou, Nova Scotia; and Cobeynid Lodge, No. 35, at Truro, Nova Scotia, 2211, 2212, 2222.

7. The charters granted to the above named lodges confirmed, and and another official visit to the Provinces provided for, 2264-5, 2327.

8. Eastern Star Lodge, at Pictou, and Cobeynid Lodge, at Truro, were irregularly instituted, but this informality was not permitted to prejudice the confirmation of their charters, 2294, 2341.

9. A new charter granted to Acadia Lodge, No. 26, at Halifax, in lieu of the one granted by the Grand Lodge of British North America, 2212, 2251, 2264, 2327.

10. The constitution of Acadia Lodge, at Halifax, in Nova Scotia, approved with an amendment, 2291-2, 2341.

11. A charter granted for the establishment of a lodge at Brantford, Canada West, 2294, 2341.

12. Phœnix Lodge, No. 3, located at Montreal, Canada East, authorized during the recess of 1854–5, and the warrant confirmed at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2400, 2424, 2454, 2501.

13. The by-laws of Eastern Star Lodge, at Nova Scotia, presented for approval, but a Grand Lodge having been established for the Lower Provinces, they were referred to that body, 2480, 2503.

14. Lucid and satisfactory reports upon the condition of the Order in these Provinces in the year 1855, submitted by P. G. M. James L. Ridgely and P. G. M. William Ellison, who were deputised by the Grand Sire to visit British North America in that year and impart proper instruction to the lodges, 2401, 2405, 2412.

15. In the recess of 1854–5, Grand Lodges were established in the Lower Provinces and in Canada West, 2401, 2419, 2424, 2453, 2454.

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16. The constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces presented and approved with amendments, 2479, 2503.

17. Refusal to accede to a proposition of the Canadian Order in connection with the Manchester Unity, for an intercommunion between that organization and the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless such proposition should be accompanied with an indication on the part of the Canadian Order of a willingness to assume the obligations and conform to the work of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and abandon their own organization, 2263, 2327.

18. District Deputy Grand Sires appointed, viz: Thomas Reynolds, for Canada West, 2211; James Maclaren, for Canada East, 2211; Edward G. Fuller, for Nova Scotia and the Lower Provinces, 2211.

19. Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: Thomas Reynolds, from Canada West, 2399, 2453; Edward G. Fuller, from the Lower Provinces, 2399, 2454.

BURIAL SERVICE, &c.—See FUNERAL.

BY-LAWS. (162.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States may enact by-laws in conformity with its constitution, and such by-laws cannot be altered or amended unless the proposition for that purpose be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, and be adopted by a two-thirds vote; and no amendment can be considered on the same day it is offered, 2378.

2. All propositions to amend the by-laws are required to be written out in full, by the mover thereof, in the precise words in which it is proposed that the amended article should read, if adopted, 2143, 2182.

3. Refusal to rescind the by-law restraining the submitting of inquiries to the Grand Lodge of the United States as to the laws and usages of the Order, 1953–4.

4. Refusal to amend the by-laws so as to permit brothers to obtain cards on application to the officers of their lodges or encampments, 1966, 2173.

5. At the session of 1852 the By-Laws, together with the Constitution and the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, were referred to a special committee for revision, 1834, 1904, 1908.

6. At the session of 1853 the said committee reported a revised form of constitution, by-laws, &c., which was ordered to be printed and to lie on the table till the ensuing session, 2025. 2122.

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7. In 1854 the revised forms were variously amended and adopted, 2302, 2319.

8. The fourteenth article reconsidered and so amended as to require the same evidence of membership to allow a brother to deposit a card, as is required to enable him to visit a lodge out of the State of his residence, 2351, 2382.

9. The tenth article, subsequently amended, so as not to require to be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States annual returns specifying the amounts of money in the treasuries of Subordinate Lodges, the amounts of their widow and orphan funds, and the amounts of funds invested; and to require, in lieu thereof, returns to be made of the number of lodges under each jurisdiction, the number of reinstatements, the number of brothers relieved, the number of widowed families relieved, and the number of deaths during each year, 2477–8, 2503.

10. A complete copy of the revised by-laws, 2379.

11. It is not necessary to submit for the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States the *by-laws* of a Grand Lodge or such amendments as may be made thereto, 1835, 1899, 1953.

CALIFORNIA. (166.)

1. The neglected and to some extent irregular condition of the Order in this State in 1851–2 described in the annual reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, 1860, 1987, 2003–4.

2. The petition of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, asking remission of the fee due for its charter, which request was not granted, 1917, 1956.

3. Refusal to refund to San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, the amount of one year's per centage ($229 59) paid in 1852 by said lodge, 1918, 1956.

4. The constitution and by-laws of Charity Lodge, No. 6, at Stockton, approved with amendments, 1936–7, 1963.

5. Application for a Grand Lodge in California, accompanied by letters alluding to the unfavorable condition of the Order in that State, and complaining of the official conduct of its District Deputy Grand Sires, 1843, 1902.

6. Reports of committees thereon suggesting executive interference, and declining to establish a Grand Lodge at that time, 1941–3, 1963–4.

7. During the recess of 1852–3 an efficient District Deputy Grand Sire was appointed for this State, the Order therein invigorated, and a dispensation granted by the Grand Sire for the establishment of a Grand Lodge, 1987, 1988, 2003–4.

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8. The Grand Lodge was instituted on the 17th of May, 1853, and its charter confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next ensuing session, 1988, 2006, 2109.

9. The constitution of the Grand Lodge approved, 2112, 2169.

10. A communication from the Deputy Grand Master of California, urging the propriety of remitting the dues owing by Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, and Eureka Lodge, No. 4, which elicited a favorable report, and the ultimate remission of the dues in arrears, 2130, 2138, 2152, 2209.

11. A report from the committee on petitions recommending a remission of the dues owing by Charity Lodge, No. 6, and El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, but this recommendation having been referred to the committee on finance, it does not appear to have been acted upon, 2120, 2173.

12. Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, located at San Francisco, was authorized by dispensation during the recess of 1852–3, and the charter confirmed, 2006, 2120, 2173.

13. Pacific Encampment, No. 2, at Sacramento, and Parker Encampment, No. 3, at Stockton, were also authorized during the recess of 1852–3, and their charters subsequently confirmed, 2006, 2295, 2343.

14. An informal petition presented from seven patriarchs for an encampment at Sacramento, which was referred to the Grand Sire, but his action thereon was anticipated by the District Deputy Grand Sire, who illegally granted a warrant; the charter, however, was ultimately confirmed, 2124, 2174, 2209, 2295, 2343.

15. The Grand Encampment chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States at the session of 1854, on regular petition from three encampments, 2276, 2293, 2341.

16. The Chinese residents of this State decided by the Grand Sire to be admissible to the Order, provided they believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the Universe, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

17. A communication received from the Grand Lodge urging the enactment of a law by which brothers suspended in the Atlantic States for non-payment of dues might be admitted to membership in the Pacific States, without the deposit of clearance cards; in other words, without having paid their dues to the lodges which suspended them. The Grand Lodge of the United States decided that it had no power to grant such a request; that no change of membership could take place without the usual deposite of a clearance card; that the terms upon which such cards

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could be obtained were proper subjects for the consideration of Subordinate Lodges; and that these lodges were the appropriate bodies to make compromises with regard to claims upon their own members, 2454, 2464, 2495, 2520.

18. Resolution of the Grand Lodge presented, expressing its opinion in favor of a judicious mergement of the two branches of the Order, 2463.

19. Appeal cases from this State, (see APPEALS,) viz: J. L. Polhemus, from a decision of District Deputy Grand Sire Parker, 2118–9, 2173; of A. Shell, from a decision of the Grand Lodge, 2462, 2470, 2503; of George W. Chedic, from a decision of Pacific Encampment, 2470, 2503; of Charles J. Collins, from a decision of Yerba Buena Lodge, 2461, 2490, 2508.

20. Past Grand Master Samuel H. Parker appointed District Deputy Grand Sire for the State, and the efficiency of his services officially acknowledged, 1987, 2003–4.

21. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: Matthew Purdin, 2110, 2204; A. J. Lucas, 2206; George J. N. Monell, 2398; George H. Van Cleft, 2398; John W. Dwinelle, 2399.

22. In 1855 California had forty-two Subordinate Lodges, with 1940 members, and a yearly revenue of $57,099; also, seven Subordinate Encampments, whose membership and revenue are not stated.

CANADA. (166.)—See BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

CARDS. (167.)

1. All withdrawal or visiting cards must be of the prescribed form, and bear the counter-signature (or a fac simile thereof) of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.—When either of such cards be issued to a brother by a lodge or an encampment, the card must be signed by the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch and be attested by the Secretary or Scribe, under the seal of the lodge or encampment granting it; and the name of the brother to whom it is granted must be written on the margin in his own hand-writing, 2382.

2. In addition to the form of visiting card heretofore prescribed, there must be printed thereon the blank form of certificate relative to benefits, in the following words: "This certifies that the constitution and by-laws of the within-named lodge or encampment allow for weekly benefits the sum of . . . . . dollars per week, and for funeral benefits the sum of . . . . . dollars; and that brother . . . . . is entitled to the said benefits from the date of the within card until the expiration of the same." And the lodge or encampment issuing the card is bound for any pro-

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per relief that may be granted to the owner of the card by any other lodge or encampment, (see BENEFITS,) 2151, 2250, 2267, 2327.

3. Brothers in possession of proper cards, and who prove themselves according to the established regulations, are entitled to admission into the lodges or encampments of any State or Territory, 2377.

4. No brother who does not make known his qualifications as above stated can be admitted to a lodge or encampment out of his own State or Territory, unless he be introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the State in which he desires to visit, 2382.

5. The card of a brother who has withdrawn from his lodge and remained out of the Order for a period of twelve months is invalid for the purpose of visiting, but remains effective as evidence of previous good standing in the Order, when application is made for a renewal of membership, 1921, 1956.

6. No change of membership from one lodge to another can take place without the usual deposite of an authenticated clearance card, 2496, 2520.

7. In the absence of a regular clearance card no lodge can admit to membership a brother who has been suspended by another lodge for non-payment of dues, 2495, 2520.

8. A Noble Grand or Secretary has not the right to grant a travelling card unless applied for in open lodge, 1847, 1848, 1885, 1921, 1948, 1957.

9. Pending a decision on the granting of a withdrawal card, charges may be preferred against the brother making application therefor, and under such circumstances the vote on granting the card should not be taken until the charges be withdrawn or a trial be had upon them, 1992, 2115, 2170.

10. If a lodge deny a card to a member who is not disqualified, he may have redress upon appeal to the local Grand Lodge, 2515, 2518, 2530.

11. The Secretary of a lodge has no right to withhold a card which has been granted by a lodge; and for doing so he is liable to arraignment, even if the responsibility be assumed on the alleged discovery of crime on the part of the intended recipient, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

12. Lodges have no right to deny their members visiting cards, nor to deny to them the usual benefits, when they purpose a temporary residence in California, or any other place in which a change in their ordinary occupation would increase the risk to health and life, 2494, 2508, 2524.

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13. A regular clearance card may be granted by a Subordinate Lodge by virtue of a settlement by compromise of its claims upon members suspended for non-payment of dues who have removed beyond its jurisdiction, and established their residence in another State, 2496, 2520.

14. The right to charge for a visiting or withdrawal card is to be regulated by the local jurisdictions, 2460, 2482, 2504.

15. Where the local law requires payment for a card, the lodge or the officer whose duty it is to issue it has the right to require payment therefor before delivering it, 2460, 2482, 2504.

16. A withdrawal card is the absolute property of the holder, and is an evidence of his former good membership; and when he offers to deposite it for the purpose of gaining admittance into a lodge, if he be rejected, the lodge has no right to mutilate it by endorsing thereon the word "rejected," 1920, 1932, 1961, 1963.

17. A withdrawal card cannot be annulled unless it be done during the twelve months such a card has vitality, 2105, 2145, 2177.

18. The annulling of a withdrawal card will not have the effect of revoking the card, or expelling its owner from the Order; but it will bring him back into the lodge, where, after due notice of the charges which induced the lodge to abrogate his card, and a fair and impartial trial thereof, he may be expelled or acquitted, 2105, 2145, 2177.

19. Grand Lodges may enact laws regulating the manner of annulling cards, provided such laws do not conflict with the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2105, 2145, 2177.

20. It is not necessary or proper to reconsider or rescind a vote granting a withdrawal card, in order to arraign the brother to whom such card may have been granted, because the card having been voted, the membership of the brother ceases, and he has a legal right to the card, which, if he desires to renew his membership, he can deposite in the usual mode, or, if it shall have been indiscreetly granted, the lodge may annul it, taking care to allow to the brother implicated a fair and impartial trial, as in the case of suspended members against whom charges are preferred, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

21. An applicant for membership by card must be properly examined as to his knowledge of the travelling password, (although it is not necessary that he should be in possession of it,) and as to the degrees he claims to have received, 2104, 2147, 2177.

22. A brother who has lost or been dispossessed of a withdrawal card, from no cause which should impeach his own conduct, may obtain a new card, bearing the same date, from the lodge

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which had granted the original one, the said lodge being the judge as to the propriety of granting the new issue, and, if granted, expressing on its face that it is a duplicate, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

23. When a card of withdrawal shall have been lost or destroyed, the lodge which issued it may grant a certificate under seal, setting forth the fact of such original issue; and this certificate may be used in lieu of a card as evidence of previous good standing, 1842, 1921, 1956.

24. A brother holding a withdrawal card which has run out of date, may be recognised as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and be allowed to renew his membership by the deposite of said card, in a lodge at the place of his residence, upon the payment of such fee as the laws of said lodge may require, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

25. A brother who has lost his withdrawal card may, on satisfactory proof thereof, be re-admitted to membership as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and will be entitled to the rank he may prove himself as having attained, 1842, 1921, 1956.

26. The local jurisdictions, each for itself, are clothed with the power of determining what length of time shall intervene in case of the rejection of the holder of a card who applies for membership before such applicant may again offer himself for membership, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

27. A Grand Representative elect taking a withdrawal card, thereby forfeits his office, although he should afterwards deposite it in another lodge, 2403, 2451, 2460, 2481–2, 2503–4.

28. This enactment so defined as not to deprive of his seat any duly admitted Grand Representative who, during the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, may withdraw from one lodge for the purpose of connecting himself with another, provided no more than three months shall elapse between the period of withdrawal and deposite, 2507, 2522, 2531.

29. If any portion of the members who place their withdrawal cards in possession of the Grand Officers and receive a dispensation creating a new lodge should not be present when such new lodge is instituted, those who are absent can only gain admittance to membership by withdrawing their cards from the hands of the Grand Officers, and applying in the usual mode for admission by card, 2250, 2265–6, 2327.

30. It is improper to confer any Encampment degree upon one holding a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge, 2404, 2450, 2481, 2503.

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31. Refusal to provide for the obtaining of cards by application to the officers of lodges and encampments, 1966, 2173.

32. Refusal to require all visiting and withdrawal cards issued to express the degree or rank of the recipient, 1846, 1921, 1957.

33. Refusal to tax a brother applying for a clearance card with one year's dues beyond the time of his withdrawal, and, in consideration of the payment thereof, to continue him a beneficial member of his lodge for one year after he shall have withdrawn therefrom, 2125, 2167, 2179.

34. Refusal to prepare a plate for cards for wives and widows of members of the Order, 1942, 1955, 1965.

CHAPLAIN.—See OFFICERS.

CHARGES.

So far as they relate to the arraignment of members, see PENALTIES; and so far as they relate to the lectures, see WORK OF THE ORDER.

CHARTER, DISPENSATION. (172.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States is the only legitimate authority from which charters can emanate for opening lodges or encampments on the American Continent, whether within or beyond the limits of the United States. It also has power to establish lodges in foreign countries, 2371, 2372.

2. Upon the petition of five brothers in good standing, a warrant to open a Subordinate Lodge in a State, District, or Territory where no Grand Lodge has been established is granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or, during recess by the Grand Sire, 2373, 2379.

3. The petition must be according to the prescribed form, and be accompanied by the fee of thirty dollars, 2381.

4. The Subordinate Lodge is opened by a Past Grand, deputized by the Grand Sire; and it is his duty to deliver to the lodge the warrant and charge books, and to give all necessary instructions, 2379.

5. A warrant is in the same manner granted to a Subordinate Encampment in a State, District, or Territory where no Grand Encampment exists, upon the petition of seven members of the Order in good standing, who must have attained the Royal Purple degree, 2379.

6. The petition must be according to the prescribed form, and be accompanied by the fee of thirty dollars, 2381.

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7. The Subordinate Encampment is opened by the Grand Sire or by a qualified Patriarch by him deputized, who delivers the warrant and charge books, and imparts the necessary instructions, 2379.

8. A warrant is in the same manner granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or, during the recess by the Grand Sire, upon the petition of three or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments in a State, District, or Territory where no such Grand Body has been established, to open a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, 2373, 2379.

9. The lodges or encampments petitioning must contain seven Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing, 2380.

10. The petition must be according to the prescribed form, and be accompanied by the fee of thirty dollars, 2380.

11. The Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is opened by the Grand Sire, or by a qualified brother by him specially deputized, who delivers the warrant and imparts all necessary instructions, 2380.

12. The expenses of the officer attending to open a lodge or encampment, Grand or Subordinate, are paid by such lodge or encampment, 2380.

13. If a petition for a warrant be in any case denied, the fee is returned to the petitioners, 2381.

14. The warrant of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having been granted, all Subordinate Lodges or Encampments within its territorial limits immediately pass under the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge or Encampment, 2381, 2382.

15. The charters of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments which fail to make returns for four quarters are forfeited, and it is the duty of the Grand Sire to reclaim them, 2385.

16. For notices of charters or warrants granted to Grand or Subordinate Lodges, see name of the State or Territory in which they are located.

CHIEF PATRIARCH.—See OFFICERS.

CHINESE.

The Chinese residents of California who believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the Universe, may be admitted to the Order, and permitted to work in lodges of their own in the Chinese language, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

CLERGYMEN. (178.)

COLLEGE.—See EDUCATION.

COMMISSIONS. (178.)

COMMITTEES. (178.)

1. In the Grand Lodge of the United States all committees are appointed by the Chair unless otherwise ordered, and all members appointed on committees are required to serve unless excused by the Grand Lodge, 2373, 2387.

2. The committee on credentials must be furnished at the opening of each session with an exhibit of the indebtedness of all Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, 2530.

3. No report of a committee can be considered on the day it is presented except reports from the committee on credentials, 2389.

4. A committee appointed at one session to perform a duty are required to report, although some of the members of the committee may have ceased to be members of the body, 2389.

5. The first business in order every morning (except the first day of meeting,) is the presentation of reports from committees, which must be called in the order of their appointment, 2389.

*Committees on Appeals, and reference to their Reports.*

1852. Ellison, Dufour, Anners, 1835, 1898-9, 1915-6, 1934, 1935-6.
1853. Ellison, Hunt, Veitch, 2101, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2138, 2172, 2181, 2284.
1854. Ellison, Veitch, Froment, 2207, 2268, 2289, 2291, 2293, 2311, 2330.
1855. Fitzhugh, Smith, Dwinelle, 2449, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2484, 2492.

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1852. Ellison, Marley, Robinson, 1842, 1888.
1853. Williams, Chapman, Glenn, Wilkinson, 2110, 2121-2.
1854. Ellison, Brown, Hicks, 2247, 2259.
1855. Hunt, Durham, Banks, 2459, 2472.

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1852. Vennigerholtz, Small, Billinghurst, 1842, 1883, 1902-3.
1853. Senter, Robinson, Froment, 2102, 2111.
1854. Steele, Dunlap, Smith, 2216, 2251.
1855. Senter, Mickle, Washington, 2405, 2431, 2450, 2451.

*Committees on Constitutions, and their Reports.*

1852. Vennigerholz, Robinson, Drew, 1835, 1887, 1888, 1894, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1936-7.
1853. Barnard, Drew, Lyman, 2101, 2112, 2131-2, 2133, 2151, 2168-9.

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1854. Hackleman, Smith, Wolford, 2207, 2269, 2270, 2291, 2292, 2312, 2333.
1855. Steele, Stacy, Russel, 2449, 2478, 2479, 2480-1, 2487, 2488, 2490, 2493.

*Committees on Correspondence, and their Reports.*

1852. Askew, Cassady, Baldwin, 1834, 1898, 1941-2.
1853. Askew, Gruman, Marley, 2101, 2130.
1854. Askew, Marley, Bridgman, 2207, 2299.
1855. Robinson, Connelly, Mickle, 2448, 2499.

*Committees on Credentials, and their Reports.*

1852. Robinson, Small, Shaw, 1828, 1831, 1887, 1918-9.
1853. Kennedy, Glenn, Billinghurst, 1982, 1984, 2108-9, 2110, 2121, 2126, 2127-8.
1854. Race, Jones, English, 2205-6, 2248, 2250, 2262-3, 2280, 2304, 2324, 2342.
1855. Bell, Matthews, Pruett, 2397, 2452, 2472, 2477.

*Committees on Finance, and their Reports.*

1852. Crickard, Kellogg, Zimmerman, Conley, Shaw, 1835, 1849, 1917-8, 1923, 1927, 1965.
1853. Fitzhugh, Kempton, Kellogg, 2101, 2122, 2138, 2153, 2154-7, 2162-3, 2164-5, 2171, 2179, 2182.
1854. Kellogg, Smiley, Billinghurst, 2207, 2278, 2300, 2311, 2321, 2333, 2349.
1855. Thompson, Curtis, Munday, 2448, 2461, 2497, 2498, 2500, 2510, 2530.

*Committees on Grand Bodies Unrepresented, and their Reports.*

1852. Potts, Lynes, Gyles, 1835.
1853. Potts, Hicks, Foute, 2102.
1854. Foute, Brunson, Carpenter, 2208, 2315.
1855. Foute, Barry, Granniss, 2449, 2518.

*Committees on Legislation, and their Reports.*

1852. Kennedy, Barnard, Conley, 1834, 1920, 1921-2, 1939.
1853. Crickard, McCord, Steele, 2101, 2137-8, 2147-51, 2167, 2181, 2182.
1854. Steele, Glenn, Taylor, 2207, 2266-7-8, 2280, 2309, 2310, 2314, 2315.
1855. Colfax, Froment, English, 2448, 2477, 2486-7, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2515, 2522.

*Committees on Mileage and Per Diem, and their Reports.*

1852. Hale, Jennings, Hardie, 1835, 1949, 1950-1.

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1853. Hale, Mulford, Smiley, 2102, 2108, 2113, 2174, 2184.
1854. Hale, Benedict, Hunt, 2208, 2334, 2340, 2347.
1855. Hunt, Lewis, Deering, 2449, 2450, 2523, 2531.

*Committees on the State of the Order, and their Reports.*

1852. DeSaussure, Colfax, Stuart, Small, 1834, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1895, 1896, 1897-8, 1914-5, 1931, 1932, 1933-4, 1941, 1954-5, 1963.
1853. Colfax, Gyles, Smith, 2101, 2113, 2114, 2115-6, 2134, 2135, 2144, 2145, 2146-7, 2170, 2171, 2175.
1854. Fitzhugh, Gyles, Deering, 2207, 2250-1, 2263, 2264-5, 2280, 2308, 2309.
1855. Parmenter, Boylston, Craighead, 2448, 2474, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2490, 2508, 2518.

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1852. Manchester, Newby, Munday, 1835, 1848-9, 1894, 1902, 1926-7, 1943-4, 1946.
1853. Williamson, Williams, Jones, Haywood, 2101, 2103, 2109, 2119, 2120, 2124, 2152.
1854. Williams, Denham, Mulford, 2207, 2293, 2294-5, 2312.
1855. Race, Brown, Wheeler, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2478, 2479.

*Committees on Printing, and their Reports.*

1852. Kellogg, Vansant, Williams, 1835, 1922.
1853. Kellogg, Hackleman, Bradbury, Curtis, 2102, 2113, 2129.
1854. Hodgson, Dennison, Purdin, 2208, 2270, 2313, 2330.
1855. Gobright, Bayley, Johnson, 2449, 2460, 2500.

*Committees on Returns, and their Reports.*

1852. Senter, Emerson, Norman, 1835, 1911, 1937.
1853. Senter, Sligo, Purdin, 2101, 2123, 2168, 2176.
1854. Senter, Hopkins, Rucker, 2208, 2298, 2331, 2340.
1855. Senter, Austin, Eckel, 2449, 2489.

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1852. Ellison, Cassidy, Small, to procure portrait of Past Grand Sire Griffin, 1833.
1852. DeSaussure, Colfax, Barnard, Ellison, Griffin, to revise the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, 1834, 1904, 1908, 2025.
1852. Hackleman, Small, Williamson, to prepare a form for the opening and closing of Degree Lodges, 1843, 1937, 1963.

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1852. Taylor, Seymour, Hunter, to ascertain the nature and value of the securities held, and the revenue derived from the sum of eight thousand dollars appropriated at the session of 1849 for the purpose of relieving P. G. Sire Wildey, 1846, 1925-6. 1957.

1852. Williamson, Seymour, Fitzhugh, touching the proposition of the Odd-Fellows of England for a union with the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1889, 1903-4, 1954.

1852. Crickard, Race, Dunlap, to supervise the printing of the work of Subordinate Lodges in the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1931, 1960, 2125.

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1853. Barnard, Senter, Mullen, on the condition of the Order in British North America, 2111, 2139.

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3. From the Grand Lodge of Indiana, suggesting the necessity of adopting appropriate forms for opening and closing Degree Lodges, and a form reported and adopted, 1843, 1937, 1963, 1966.

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5. From the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, suggesting that the degree of Rebekah be conferred on the widows of scarlet members of the Order, 1844, 1933, 1962.

6. From the Grand Lodge of Maine, touching its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1844, 1923, 1930.

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12. From Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, California, 1917.

13. From the Grand Lodge of Indiana, suggesting a work proper for each of the five degrees in the Subordinate Lodges, and indefinite posponement of the proposition, 1942, 2122, 2173.

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17. From the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, relative to the restoration of the three months' term, which was indefinitely postponed, 2103, 2149, 2176.

18. From the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, proposing to admit the daughters of Rebekah at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, 2104, 2135, 2147, 2179.

19. From the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, inviting the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold the annual communication of 1854 at the city of New York, 2104-5.

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21. From the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, on the subject of amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2121.

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23. From the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Ohio certain proceedings relative to a reform and change in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2159.

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26. From the Grand Lodge of Ohio, certain proceedings containing various instructions to her representatives, 2249.

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30. From the Grand Encampment of Northern New York in favor of permitting members of the scarlet degree, who may withdraw from their Subordinate Lodges, to retain their membership in Encampments, 2258.

31. From the Grand Lodge of Georgia, on the subject of mergement, 2275.

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33. From the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the subject of vacancies in the office of Noble and Vice Grand, 2295-6.

34. From the Grand Lodge of Maine, instructing her representatives to have the old work substituted for that now in use, 2333.

35. From the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, in favor of having the Grand Lodge of the United States composed of representatives according to a fixed ratio of members, 2452.

36. From the same, in favor of the object proposed in the memorial of the Grand Lodge of California, of allowing suspended members from other jurisdictions who reside in that State to be admitted to membership without clearance cards, 2452.

37. From the same, presenting a bound copy of its proceedings, as a token of esteem, to Rep. Peter Della Torre, of South Carolina, 2452.

38. From the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, instructions to her representatives touching the suspension of Patriarchs; in favor of having the Grand Lodge of the United States composed of representatives elected by the different State jurisdictions according to a fixed ratio of members; opposing a fixed ratio of members; opposing the proposed mergement, and favoring independent membership in Subordinate Encampments, 2453.

39. From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, proceedings in opposition to the mergement of the two branches of the Order, and asking a return of the assessment tax of 1850, (the latter not acceded to,) 2459, 2497, 2520.

40. From the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in favor of repealing the law requiring reports of vital statistics, 2459.

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41. From the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in favor of having the Grand Lodge of the United States composed of representatives according to a fixed ratio, 2460.

42. From the Grand Lodge of California, in favor of the proposed mergement of the two branches of the Order, 2463.

43. From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, favoring a revision of the odes, (which was deemed inexpedient,) 2464.

44. From the Grand Encampment of Ohio, asking a return of their representative tax, (which was not complied with,) 2466.

45. From the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in reference to grievances suffered from inattention by other jurisdictions to the provisions of the third and fourth sections of the sixteenth article of the Constitution, 2472.

46. From Montezuma Lodge, and Paradise Lodge, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, requesting such an alteration in the by-laws of their lodges as to permit the establishment of some new tribunal to whom they should communicate and make their wants known, instead of to the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (which request was not granted,) 2479, 2503.

COMPENSATION. (198.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States pays to its officers and the Grand Representatives such compensation as may be from time to time prescribed by law, 2377.

2. Its Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Messenger receive annual salaries, 2374-5, 2377.

3. Its other officers receive the same compensation as Grand Representatives whilst in attendance at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, 2491, 2502.

4. The compensation of Grand Representatives fixed in 1855 at two dollars per day and four cents for each mile travelled in attending the sessions, 2491, 2502.

5. A special committee sitting in the recess without special instructions so to do, is not allowed compensation therefor, 2494, 2531.

COMPLIMENTARY. (199.)

1. Thanks and diploma to P. G. Sire William W. Moore, for the industry, dignity, and ability with which he discharged the duties of Grand Sire, 2102.

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2. Thanks to the Committee appointed to make arrangements for holding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1853 at the city of Philadelphia, 2181.

3. Thanks to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, and the Order generally of Pennsylvania, for the uniform courtesy and hospitality extended to the officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States during the annual communication of 1853, held at Philadelphia, 2182.

4. Thanks to the representatives of Maryland and to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States residing in Baltimore for the liberal manner in which, during the session of 1854, they entertained the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2333.

5. Thanks to P. G. Sire Wilmot G. DeSaussure for the able manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, 2449.

6. A bound copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York presented by that body, as a token of its esteem, to Peter Della Torre, of South Carolina, 2452.

7. Thanks to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the sumptuous and fraternal festival given during the session of 1855 to the officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2494.

8. One copy of printed Journal presented to the Library of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association of Philadelphia, 2107, 2221.

CONNECTICUT. (202.)

1. Rev. James M. Willey, from this State, re-appointed and re-installed Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1986.

2. Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: Lloyd E. Baldwin, 1827; Samuel Lynes, 1831, 1982; Cholwell J. Gruman, 1832; Samuel Bishop, 1985; George W. Benedict, 1985, 2204; F. M. Brown, 2206, 2396; P. L. Cunningham, 2207, 2396; David B. Booth, 2398.

CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES. (203.)

1. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and such by-laws as shall be made by that body in pursuance thereof, are the supreme law of the Order, and are binding upon all the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, 2378.

2. The Constitution cannot be altered or amended unless upon a proposition which shall have been made in writing at an annual session, by one or more representatives from three different States, and, after being entered upon the printed Journal of such session, shall have been taken up at the next annual session and received the affirmative votes of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays, 2378.

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3. All propositions offered in amendment of the Constitution or By-Laws are required to be written out in full, in the precise words in which it is proposed that the article shall read if the amendment should be adopted, 2143, 2182.

4. The Constitution amended in 1852 so as to change the qualifications required for the office of Grand Sire, by dispensing with the qualification of "Past Grand Master," and rendering eligible all Past Grands who are in possession of the Royal Purple and Grand Encampment degrees, 1925.

5. The Constitution referred in 1852 for revision and amendment, to a special committee chosen by ballot, with instructions to report at the next annual session, 1834, 1904, 1908.

6. Report of the said committee in 1853, accompanied with a revised form of Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, 2025 to 2042.

7. Refusal to consider these amendments at the session at which they were reported, 2122.

8. Various propositions submitted in amendment of the form of Constitution reported by the committee, 2158, 2159.

9. The old Constitution so amended as to permit the amendment, by a two-thirds vote, of the "verbal phraseology" of proposed amendments when coming up for final action, 2163, 2260.

10. The revised form of Constitution considered in committee of the whole, 2258-9.

11. Proposition so to amend the old Constitution as to permit the amendment, by a majority vote, of proposed amendments when coming up for final action, rejected, 2159, 2260.

12. The revised form of Constitution again considered in committee of the whole, 2261, 2277, 2278.

13. Proposition so to amend the old Constitution as to permit the amendment by a majority vote of proposed amendments to the Constitution when coming up for final action, reconsidered and again rejected, 2278, 2279.

14. Decision of the Chair, sustained by the Grand Lodge, that the revised form of Constitution reported by the committee could not be amended, except in its "verbal phraseology," or in such manner as might be effected by amendments regularly proposed at the preceding session, 2279.

15. The old Constitution so amended as to permit the amendment, by a two-thirds vote, of proposed amendments when coming up for final action, 2125, 2297.

16. The revised form of Constitution again considered in committee of the whole, 2297, 2299, 2300-1.

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17. The Grand Sire (he having been a member of the committee which reported the revised Constitution) invited to participate in the debates in reference to it, 2296.

18. Report of the chairman of the committee of the whole, embracing such amendments to the new form of Constitution and By-Laws as were made in committee, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304.

19. The said report and amendments considered, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed under the superintendence of a special committee, 2316 to 2320.

20. The engrossed copy reported; ordered to be enrolled, which was accordingly done; and this copy directed to be attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signatures of its officers; also, that an opportunity be afforded to such representatives to sign it as choose to do so, and that twenty-five dollars be paid for enrolling it, 2331, 2332, 2353.

21. A pamphlet copy ordered to be prepared for distribution, with the names of the officers and members attached, and the final vote on its adoption, 2320.

22. The Constitution amended in 1852 so as to require the annual session to commence on the first (instead of the third) Monday in September, 1913.

23. The Constitution again amended in 1854 so as to require the annual session to commence, as formerly, on the *third* Monday in September, 2376.

CONSTITUTION.—*Proposed Amendments Rejected, viz:*

1. To limit and more specifically define the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1912.

2. To interpose additional restraints upon alterations or additions to the work of the Order, 1912.

3. To require the elective officers to be chosen on the first day of the annual session, and installed into office on the last day of the session at which they are elected, 1913.

4. To require that in all elections, after the second ballot, the names of all candidates shall be dropped except the three receiving the highest number of votes, 1913.

5. To confer the privilege of voting on Past Grand Sires whose term of office expired prior to 1851, 1913.

6. To increase the power of the larger States by allowing them an additional number of votes, without increasing the number of their representatives, 1913.

CONSTITUTION.—*Rejected Amendments*, continued.

7. To strike out every thing recognising the existence of Grand Encampments, 1913.

8. To hold the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States biennially instead of annually, 1913.

9. To reduce the representative tax from fifty dollars for each member to twenty dollars for each; also, propositions to reduce said tax to twenty-five and thirty-five dollars, 1923, 1924.

10. To relieve the Grand Lodge of the United States of the burden of paying the expenses of Grand Representatives in attending its sessions, 1924.

11. To change the qualifications required for the office of Grand Sire, eight several propositions, all proposing to dispense with previous service as Grand Master, and suggesting other qualifications, 1924.

12. To restrain constitutional amendments so that no article or clause shall be subject to alteration more than once in two years, 1924.

13. To provide that no motion to amend shall be received at a session at which a similar proposition shall have been rejected, 1924.

14. To provide for perfecting the phraseology of any amendment at the time of its being considered, provided the sense thereof be not changed, 1924.

15. To require that all propositions of amendment shall be submitted by Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, 1924.

16. To provide for the election of a Judicial Committee of five members, to rank as officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to be clothed with authority to hear and determine all constitutional and legal questions, 1924-5.

17. To abolish all encampments and provide for conferring the Patriarchal degrees by the Subordinate Lodges, 1925, 2166.

18. To permit the amendment, by a majority vote, of proposed amendments to the Constitution when taken up for final action, 2159, 2260, 2278-9.

19. To provide that the officers be elected quadrennially, and the sessions held biennially, 2165.

20. To extend the term of service of Grand Representatives to four years, 2166.

21. To provide that the election of officers shall take place on the fourth day of the session instead of the second day, 2327, 2465.

CONSTITUTION.—*Rejected Amendments*, continued.

22. To strike out all matter in the Constitution recognising the existence of Grand or Subordinate Encampments, or of their officers or degrees, 2351, 2509.

23. To extend the term of service of Grand Representatives to four years, 2352, 2509.

24. To change the apportionment of representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, (three different propositions,) 2339, 2341, 2465, 2473, 2476.

25. To provide for biennial instead of annual sessions, 2341, 2472, 2475.

26. To strike out the ninth section of the first article, delegating to the State Grand Lodges all power and authority not reserved to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2352, 2510.

CONSTITUTION.—*Pending Amendments, offered in* 1855, *viz:*

1. To provide that the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States be installed at the same session at which they are elected, (three several propositions,) 2488, 2498, 2504.

2 To allow to Colonial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments the same representation as is allowed to such bodies in the States and Territories, 2489.

3. To deprive Grand Encampments of representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2498.

4. To provide for biennial instead of annual sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (five different propositions,) 2499, 2505, 2517.

5. To omit from the Constitution all reference to Grand or Subordinate Encampments, so as to merge the Patriarchal Order in the Subordinate Lodges, 2501.

6. To increase the representative tax assessed upon Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, (three different propositions,) 2504, 2505, 2515.

7. To change the apportionment of representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, (three different propositions,) 2505, 2506, 2529.

8. To extend the term of service of Grand Representatives to four years, (four different propositions,) 2505, 2517, 2518.

9. To require a lodge or encampment initiating a resident of another State to pay to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of such State all the fees and dues received from the person so illegally admitted to membership, 2532.

CONSTITUTIONS OF STATE BODIES. (214.)

1. The Constitutions of all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and also of such Subordinate Lodges and Encampments as work under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, must on their adoption be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for examination and approval, 2381.

2. A new form of Constitution, as revised by a special committee appointed for such purpose, must be submitted and adopted in accordance with all the formalities prescribed for amending the Constitution for which it is proposed as a substitute, 2103, 2116, 2170.

CONTEMPT. (215.)

If a brother be guilty of an offence which would subject him to trial and punishment by his lodge, and should, before charges are preferred, or after charges have been preferred and before notice thereof shall have been served on him, absent himself so that such notice cannot be served on him, he may be expelled for contempt, 2463, 2483, 2504.

CONVENTION. (215.)

A convention of Past Grands, representing their respective Subordinate Lodges, held with a view of redressing an alleged local grievance, is illegal, and the voice of such a convention cannot be heard in a Grand Lodge, 2215, 2264, 2327.

CORRESPONDENCE. (216.)

The Grand Secretary is required to write all letters and communications, and carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; also, to lay before that body all communications received or transmitted by him, 2374.

CREDENTIALS. (218.)

1. The committee on credentials is enjoined not to report favorably on the certificate of the Representative of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which is indebted to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and a list of all bodies thus in arrears is required to be furnished to the committee at the beginning of each session to aid them in the faithful performance of their duty, 2381, 2530.

2. If a Grand Lodge should ascertain that it has admitted a Past Grand or Past Chief Patriarch to membership upon a false cercertificate, it may refuse him a seat upon its floor, 2461, 2482, 2504.

3. A newly elected Representative cannot be regarded as a member or be permitted to participate in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, until that body shall have received his credentials and acknowledged his right to a seat, 1829.

DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND. (219.)
DEBATE. (219.)

1. In the Grand Lodge of the United States no member is permitted to address the body without leave, unless he be a Representative or Past Grand Sire, 2373.
2. No member can speak more than twice on the same question until all others wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so, 2389.
3. No motion is subject to debate until it is seconded and stated by the Chair, 2388.
4. Members are not permitted to speak unless clothed in appropriate regalia, and in debate they must confine themselves to the question under consideration, 2388.
5. No debate is in order after the presiding officer shall have risen to put a question, 2388.
6. The call for the previous question precludes debate, and no debate is allowed on a motion for the reading of any paper or other matter, 2388.

DEDICATION. (219.)

1. The Committee on the State of the Order invited to prepare a form of ceremony for the dedication of Odd-Fellows' Halls, 1847.
2. The invitation declined by the Committee on the State of the Order, and the duty assigned to a special committee to report at the next session, 1914, 1954.
3. Appointment of said special committee, in 1852, which however failed to report as directed, 1965.
4. In 1854 a resolution was passed directing the appointment of another select committee to perform the same duty, and to report the ensuing year, (but it does not appear that the order for the appointment of the committee was executed,) 2277.

DEFUNCT. (219.)
DEGREES.—SUBORDINATE. (220.)

1. No lodge or encampment can confer degrees upon a member of another lodge or encampment, unless it be with the consent of the lodge to which the member belongs, given under its seal, 2381.
2. Applicants for degrees must be balloted for by the lodge when open in the particular degree applied for, and the proceedings of lodges when open in the degrees must be recorded in a distinct minute book, 2214, 2264, 2327, 2404, 2481, 2503.
3. The proceedings had by lodges when open in a particular degree, whether for the purpose of ballot or conferring degrees, are dis-

DEGREES.—SUBORDINATE, continued.

tinct from the ordinary lodge proceedings, and must be recorded in a distinct minute book, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327, 2404, 2450, 2481, 2503.

4. Suggestion from the Grand Lodge of Indiana as to the propriety of preparing proper work for each of the degrees of the Subordinate Lodges, which was indefinitely postponed, 1942, 2122, 2173.

5. Resolution directing an inquiry by a committee as to the propriety of a change in the initiatory degree, which does not appear to have been reported on, 2331.

6. Refusal to require the business of Subordinate Lodges to be transacted in the scarlet degree, 2247, 2486, 2504.

DEGREES.—PATRIARCHAL. (221.)

1. The Royal Purple degree, which is defined to be the most exalted degree in the Order, is a necessary qualification for Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2375.

2. The propriety of giving two of the Patriarchal degrees upon the same evening is to be determined by local legislation, 2404, 2450, 2481, 2503.

3. The charge of the Royal Purple degree succeeding the obligation cannot be conferred on more than one Patriarch at the same time, 2125, 2176.

4. A brother who has received only the Patriarchal degree, or the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees, is entitled to the semi-annual password, 2103, 2145, 2177.

5. It is improper to confer an Encampment degree upon one holding a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge, 2404, 2450, 2481, 2503.

6. A Grand Patriarch is authorized to issue a dispensation for a more remote encampment to elevate an applicant to the Patriarchal degrees, the only encampment nearer the residence of the applicant having assented thereto, 2215, 2264, 2327.

7. Refusal to make the attainment of the Encampment degrees a necessary qualification for admission to seats in Grand Lodges, or to make them a necessary qualification for the office of Grand Master, 1843, 1921, 1957, 2480, 2503.

8. A proposition submitted to merge the Encampment degrees into the work of Subordinate Lodges, which elicited majority and minority reports, and was then indefinitely postponed, 2105, 2148, 2179.

9. The proposition renewed and its expediency urged in two reports of committees, neither of which was adopted, 2275, 2280, 2329, 2455, 2532.

DEGREES.—PAST OFFICIAL. (222.)

1. Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge degree for a pecuniary consideration, or for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair, 2384.

2. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can confer degrees upon a member of another Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, without the consent of the body to which the brother belongs, given under its seal, 2381.

3. The Grand Master of one jurisdiction may confer the Past Official degrees on a qualified Past Grand of another State upon the written request of the Grand Master thereof, provided the request be accompanied with the consent of the Grand Lodge to which such Past Grand belongs, but the Grand Lodge degree cannot be so conferred, and must be given by a Grand Lodge, 2254, 2308, 2345.

4. The Grand Lodge degree cannot be conferred upon any Past Grand until he becomes a member of a Grand Lodge; but the Past Official degrees, which are rewards for official service in Subordinate Lodges, may be conferred at any proper time and place upon those who have earned them, and produce proper certificates from lodges in which they have been earned, 2124, 2134–5, 2176.

5. It is not compatible with law to make the Encampment degrees a qualification either to membership or to office in a Grand Lodge, as such a body cannot judicially know any thing of any other degrees than those which belong to its own jurisdiction, and cannot legislate or apply tests in regard to any other degrees, 2487, 2508, 2520.

6. It is not lawful for a Grand Lodge to make the attainment of the Royal Purple degree a necessary qualification for the office of Grand Master, 2480, 2503.

7. A Noble Grand who is absent a majority of the nights of a term is not entitled to the past official degree pertaining to such term, 1845, 1886, 1898, 1949, 1952.

8. An officer who from sickness is kept from his lodge during a majority of the nights of his term does not thereby forfeit the honor of the past official degree pertaining to his office, 2309, 2345.

9. The first Noble Grand of a new or revived lodge is entitled to all the past official degrees, and the first Vice Grand to the degrees of Past Vice Grand and Past Secretary; but in no other case can they be conferred except for service actually performed, 2469.

DEGREES.—PAST OFFICIAL, continued.

10. Certificates entitling members who have served in office to the appropriate past official degrees must be given without a vote of the lodge, 1902, 1953.

11. Upon the adoption of a new degree by the Grand Lodge of the United States (such degree not being an integral part of the work of the Order, and it being optional with the different Grand Lodges whether they will or will not permit it to be conferred in their respective jurisdictions) any Grand Representative who becomes possessed of it in the discharge of his representative duties may confer it upon Subordinate Lodges in his own jurisdiction without the authority of his State Grand Lodge, and before he shall have formally reported it to said body for its sanction and approval, 1839, 1883, 1896-7, 1952.

DEGREE FOR WIVES.

1. The Degree of Rebekah was adopted at the session of 1851, and towards the close of that year was accepted by and put in possession of the Grand Lodges of all the States except those of Maryland and North Carolina, which declined to receive it, 1838.

2. It is an honorary degree, to be conferred upon such scarlet members and their wives as may desire to receive it, 1841, 1883. 1898, 1952, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

3. To be in possession of this degree, however, is a necessary qualification for office in all lodges which are in possession of it, 1841, 1883, 1898, 1952, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

4. Refusal to modify the law so as to permit Noble Grands of Subordinate Lodges to be installed without being in possession of this degree, 2277, 2310, 2346.

5. Approval of the general instructions issued by Grand Sire Moore when placing the degree in possession of the lodges, 1939, 1962.

6. A lodge may, at its option, sing an ode at the time that ladies are introduced into the hall for instruction in this degree, 1933, 1962.

7. A widow, who was a wife entitled to this degree at the time of its adoption, allowed to receive it with the consent of the proper lodge, although her husband had died before the work was distributed, 1934, 1962.

8. The annual password of the degree must be given by the ladies at the outer door, 1933, 1962.

9. The degree ordered to be translated and printed in the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1919, 1931, 1960, 2125, 2174.

DEGREE FOR WIVES, continued.

10. The degree of Rebekah directed to be printed in the German language, 1848, 2176, 2220.

11. Proposition offered, but not adopted, to reduce the price of the book containing the degree to fifty cents, 1847.

12. The Committee on the State of the Order instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing further opening and closing ceremonies for this degree, upon which there was no report, 1847.

13. A committee appointed for the purpose of reporting at the session of 1855 a form for opening and closing the degree, (but it does not appear that any report was presented,) 2494.

14. Resolutions submitted and referred requiring the Committee on the State of the Order to prepare an appropriate work in connexion with the degree, (but no form was reported,) 1848, 2126, 2134, 2276.

15. Refusal to allow the degree to be conferred upon the widows and daughters of scarlet degree members, 1844, 1847, 1933, 1962.

16. Refusal to admit to the privileges of the degree such of the daughters of scarlet members as shall have attained the age of eighteen years, 2276, 2310, 2345.

17. Refusal to admit the adopted daughters of Odd-Fellows' to the privileges of the degree, 2461, 2482, 2504.

18. Resolutions submitted having in view the extending of the privileges of the degree to the widows and daughters of Odd-Fellows, (which was not done,) 2126, 2134, 2165.

19. Refusal to permit the daughters of Rebekah to be present at the installation of officers of State Grand Bodies, 1848, 1954, 1964, 2403, 2451, 2481, 2503.

20. Refusal to provide for the admission of the daughters of Rebekah at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, 2104, 2135, 2147.

DEGREE LODGES.

1. A committee appointed to prepare a form for opening and closing Degree Lodges, and a form reported and adopted, 1843, 1937, 1963, 1966.

2. The form directed to be included in the degree books hereafter printed, 2168.

3. A committee appointed to prepare and report at the session of 1855 a form for the installation of the officers of Degree Lodges, (but it does not appear that they made any report,) 2277.

DELAWARE. (225.)

1. The amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment presented and approved, 1848, 1894, 1952.

2. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment presented in favor of merging the Subordinate and Patriarchal branches of the Order, and against an increase of representation and expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2276. 2280-4, 2295, 2329.

3. Grand Representatives of the State in the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: Henry F. Askew, 1827, 1985, 2399; Nelson Carlisle, 1831, 1982; Robert H. Clark, 1887, 2108, 2204; Henry Eckel, 2206, 2396; Caleb Rodney Layton, 2398.

DEPOSITE. (227.)

1. No change of membership from one lodge to another can take place without the usual deposite of an authenticated clearance card, 2496, 2520.

2. A card offered for deposite must bear the signatures of the officers and seal of the lodge or encampment of which the brother holding it is a member, and be signed on the margin in the proper handwriting of the brother, who must prove himself in the travelling password and in the degree in which the lodge is open, 2382.

3. A lodge to which the withdrawal card of a brother is presented for deposite has not the right to mutilate said card by endorsing the word "rejected" thereon, 1920, 1932, 1961, 1963.

4. For other law on this subject see CARDS and MEMBERSHIP.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.—See OFFICERS.

DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.—See OFFICERS.

DESKS AND CHAIRS.—See FURNITURE.

DIAGRAMS. (228.)

1. Refusal to furnish to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment a book of diagrams of the work of their respective branches of the Order, 1848, 1895–6, 1952, 2112, 2136, 2176–7, 2180. 2249, 2250, 2266, 2327.

2. The sum of ninety-six dollars appropriated to the widow of the artist who prepared the daguerreotypes for the old book of diagrams, 2178.

3. The book and Secret Journal placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, for the inspection of members, during sessions of the Grand Lodge, 1843, 2106, 2463.

4. Not placed in the hall for inspection in 1854, at the beginning of the session, 2296.

DIAGRAMS, continued.

5. A new book of diagrams prepared in 1854, and an appropriation of $275 to pay therefor, 2333, 2349.

DIGEST. (229.)

1. One copy of the Digest of Laws and Proceedings directed to be placed on the desk of each Representative during the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1996.

2. The price of the Digest fixed at one dollar, 2153.

3. One copy of the Digest voted to each Grand Representative who had not before received a copy, 2462.

DIPLOMA. (230.)

1. Copies of the diploma voted to Grand Representatives, 1835, 2106, 2254, 2462.

2. Special messenger sent to Baltimore to obtain diplomas for the Grand Representatives in session at Philadelphia, 2131.

DISPENSATION. (232.)

DISQUALIFICATION. (233.)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. (233.)

1. Resolution of the Grand Encampment adverse to any alteration in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States that would have a tendency to change the organization or form of government of the Order, or interfere with the official relations, duties, and powers of the bodies composing it, 2121.

2. Grand Representatives of the District in the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: William B. Magruder, 1828; Frederic D. Stuart, 1828; R. Finley Hunt, 1831, 1982; John W. Hodgson, 1984, 2204, 2398; Levin Jones, 1985, 2204; Lawrence A. Gobright, 2206, 2396; Thomas Rich, 2398.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.—See OFFICERS.

DIVORCE. (235.)

DOCUMENTS. (235.)

1. Each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment is required to furnish its Representatives with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office, 2383.

2. All papers relating to appeals brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States must be furnished by the appellants, printed in pamphlet form on a page of the same size as of this Journal; and in default thereof the appeal may be referred back for informality, 2493, 2499, 2521.

DUES AND FEES. (236.)

1. The fee due to the Grand Lodge of the United States for a warrant to open a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment is thirty dollars, and must accompany the petition for a charter, 2376, 2381.

2. Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working immediately under the Grand Lodge of the United States are required to pay into its treasury ten per cent. upon their receipts, which must be transmitted semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, with their regular reports, 2377, 2379.

3. Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are required to pay to the Grand Lodge of the United States fifty dollars per annum for each vote to which they are entitled in that body, 2377.

4. Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are required to forward their dues to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States with their annual returns, 2381.

5. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in arrears for dues and fees owing to the Grand Lodge of the United States can be allowed to vote in that body by its Representatives, 2381.

6. The regulation of dues and fees to be paid by members of Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments belongs peculiarly to the legislation of State Grand Bodies, 1896, 1952.

7. Subordinate Lodges may, with the approval of their respective Grand Lodges, enact by-laws requiring the payment of higher dues from members going out of the State where the lodge is located than of those residing in the State, 1888, 1896, 1952.

8. Refusal to require members receiving withdrawal cards to pay one year's dues beyond the time of their withdrawal, and entitling them for that space of time to the pecuniary benefits of the lodge, 2125, 2167, 2179.

9. Members may be suspended or expelled, as the local laws prescribe or permit, for the non-payment of dues, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

10. Suspended members are chargeable with dues during the period of their suspension, 1884, 1948.

11. Subordinate Lodges may make such an arrangement in regard to accumulated arrears of dues as will enable the reinstatement of members who have lost their membership from disuse, 1885, 1948.

12. Subordinate Lodges may settle by compromise their pecuniary claims upon such of their members suspended for non-payment of dues as shall have established their residence in another State, and, by virtue of such settlement, may grant them regular clearance cards, 2496, 2520.

DUES AND FEES, continued.

13. It is not consistent with the spirit of the Order to publish, in the popular acceptation of that term, a brother who is expelled for non-payment of dues, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

14. A sick member cannot be permitted, while he continues sick, to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits, 2311, 2346.

15. The right to charge a fee for visiting or withdrawal cards is regulated by the respective local jurisdictions, 2460, 2482, 2504.

16. Where the local law requires the payment of a fee for a card, the lodge, or the officer whose duty it is to issue the card, has the right to require payment therefor before delivering it, 2460, 2482, 2504.

17. The dues accruing to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from Subordinate Lodges in Minnesota, subsequently to the institution of a Grand Lodge in that Territory, transferred to said Grand Lodge, 2107, 2182.

18. Application from Charity Lodge and El Dorado Lodge, both of of California, for a remission of dues, upon which there was a favorable report, (not adopted,) 2120, 2173.

19. Resolution referred to the Legislative Committee (upon which there was no report) as to the propriety of repealing the law requiring dues to be charged against suspended members, 2528.

20. Explanatory resolutions submitted, on which no action was had, declaring that the Grand Lodge of the United States had no desire, when legislating on the subject of dues and benefits as connected with vital statistics, to interfere with the peculiar rights of Subordinate Lodges to legislate in reference to their finances, 2334.

21. An interesting report advocating the propriety of ensuring greater stability to the Order by establishing uniform rates of fees and benefits, which was not adopted, 1909, 1964.

22. For reference to much other interesting matter on the latter subject, see VITAL STATISTICS; and for reference to amendments proposed to the Constitution having in view a change of the dues of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, see CONSTITUTION.

EDUCATION. (238.)

1. A resolution submitted, but not adopted, proposing the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the expediency and practicability of establishing an institution of learning, with ample endowments and accommodations, for the education and support of such orphans of Odd-Fellows as may desire to avail themselves of its benefits, 2352.

EDUCATION, continued.

2. Commendation by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also by the Grand Sire, of the "Odd-Fellows' Female Collegiate Institute" at Rogersville, Tennessee, 2165, 2166, 2210.

3. Expression of approval by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the enterprise of establishing "Martha Washington College," at Abingdon, Virginia, for the education of female orphans, 2506.

EFFECTS. (238.)

1. The effects of a lodge or encampment embrace its jewels, emblems, furniture, &c., as well as its working and other books. These, in the event of its suspension, expulsion, or dissolution, must be placed in the keeping of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. When an expelled lodge or encampment has surrendered its effects, it may appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States without having obtained the consent of its State Grand Lodge, 2371.

2. The effects and property of a lodge that has surrendered or forfeited its charter may be sold, and the funds placed in the treasury of its Grand Lodge, at the expiration of three years from the time of such surrender or forfeiture, 1888, 1952.

ELECTION. (239.)

1. The elective officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are required to be chosen biennially on the second day of the session, 2372, 2377.

2. They must be elected by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast is necessary to effect a choice, 2372, 2376.

3. Grand Representatives are elected for two years, the Grand Lodge of the United States being the judge of the legality of their certificates of return and qualifications, and possessing the power of deciding all contested cases, 2375, 2376.

4. In contested cases of election brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States the successful claimant only is allowed per diem and mileage, 2166.

5. An interesting case of contested election from Indiana, involving the right to his seat of a Grand Representative who, after having been duly admitted and served the first session of his term, had, a short time before the commencement of his second session, removed from the State of Indiana to perform official duties under the General Government. In consequence of this removal, the Grand Lodge of Indiana declared his seat vacant and elected another brother to fill it, but the Grand Lodge of the United States decided in favor of the right of the sitting member to retain his seat, 1983, 2126, 2129, 2182.

ELECTION, continued.

6. A case of contested election from Illinois, arising from the absence of the duly elected Grand Representative from the first session of his term, and the giving of his seat to another brother who was appointed by the Grand Master of the State. At the second session of the term the duly elected Grand Representative appeared, and the seat was awarded to him, 2108-9.

7. A case of contested election from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in which neither of the contestants was allowed a seat in consequence of informalities in the election, 2304, 2315-16.

8. For laws and decisions touching election to membership in lodges or encampments, see INITIATION or MEMBERSHIP.

EMBLEMS. (239.)

ENCAMPMENTS.

See PATRIARCHAL ORDER; and for reference to all Encampments, whether Grand or Subordinate, chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States, see the name of the State in which they are located.

ENGLAND. (239.)

1. Sundry papers submitted from Odd-Fellows in England proposing a union of the Order in England and America, and adverse action thereon, 1837, 1855–6, 1889, 1903–4, 1954.

2. A proposition for intercommunion with that branch of English Odd-Fellows known as the Manchester Unity declined, 2213.

EVIDENCE. (242.)

EXPENDITURES.—See FINANCE.

EXPULSION.—See PENALTIES.

FINANCE, REVENUE, &c. (242.)

1. The revenue of the Grand Lodge of the United States is derived from several sources, viz: A fee of thirty dollars is required to be paid in advance for a warrant to open a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or a Grand or Subordinate Encampment, 2376, 2381.

2. Subordinate Lodges and Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are required to pay into its treasury ten per cent. on their receipts, 2377.

3. State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are required to pay fifty dollars per annum for each vote to which they are entitled in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2377.

4. Another source of revenue is the proceeds of the sales of books, cards, diplomas, odes, certificates, &c., (the exclusive right to print any and all of which the Grand Lodge of the United States reserves to itself,) 2377.

FINANCE, REVENUE, &c., continued.

5. All dues and moneys owing to the Grand Lodge are required to be paid to the Grand Secretary, to be by him immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, 2381, 2383.

6. A tabular statement of all moneys so received is required to be arranged in parallel columns, so as to show the amount received for each specific purpose, and from what jurisdiction received, 2520.

7. No money can be drawn from the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States unless in pursuance of appropriations made by that body, and all orders on the Grand Treasurer must be signed by the Grand Sire and attested by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, 2374.

8. An account is required to be opened with each specific appropriation; the same to be charged with the amount appropriated and credited with all payments made on account thereof; the payments on no particular account can exceed the appropriation therefor, nor can any transfer of appropriation be made without the consent of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2515, 2521.

9. The Grand Treasurer is required to give bond for the faithful performance of his trusts, 1929, 1930, 2374.

10. The fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of the United States commences on the first of July and terminates with the 30th of June, 2385

11. Annual statements of moneys received by the Grand Secretary, 1863, 1875, 2007, 2017, 2227, 2239, 2425.

12. Receipts and expenditures as shown in the reports of the Grand Treasurer, 1871, 2014, 2235, 2442, 2463–4.

13. Receipts and expenditures as exhibited in the reports of the Committee on Finance, and also the condition of the treasury from year to year, 1917, 1927, 2153, 2278, 2300, 2321, 2510, 2530.

14. Other reports of the Committee on Finance, 1918, 1923, 1965, 2122, 2153, 2179, 2300, 2311, 2349, 2461–2, 2497, 2498, 2500.

15. Statements of the assets, funds, and investments, in 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1927, 2153, 2349, 2510.

16. Statements in detail of the mileage and per diem paid to Officers and Representatives, 1950, 2108, 2348, 2524.

17. Bills and accounts from time to time presented, referred, or ordered to be paid, 1917, 1929, 1965, 2171, 2178, 2179, 2300, 2345, 2333.

FINANCE, REVENUE, &c., continued.

18. Appropriations for compensation to Grand Secretary, 1929. 2156, 2323, 2513.

19. Appropriations for compensation to Grand Treasurer, 1929, 2156, 2323, 2513.

20. Appropriations for compensation to Grand Messenger, 1929, 2156, 2323, 2513.

21. Appropriations for pay and mileage of Grand Officers and Representatives, 1872, 1929, 2156, 2323, 2513.

22. Appropriations for printing, &c., 1930, 2157, 2324, 2513.

23. Appropriations for stationery and other incidental expenses, 1917, 1929, 1930, 2156–7, 2324, 2513.

24. Appropriations for compensation of committee to revise the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, 1904.

25. Appropriation of six hundred dollars to defray the expenses of printing the work for Subordinate Lodges in the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1931, 1960.

26. Appropriation for printing the work of Subordinate Lodges and the Degree of Rebekah in the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1919, 1931, 1960.

27. Appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars to meet a deficiency in the amount appropriated for a block of marble for the National Washington Monument, 1959, 1960.

28. Appropriation for portraits of P. G. Sire William W. Moore and of P. G. Sire Wilmot G. DeSaussure, 2108, 2449.

29. Appropriation of five hundred dollars in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever in New Orleans, 2133.

30. Appropriation of ninety-six dollars to the widow of the artist who prepared the daguerreotypes for the book of diagrams, 2178.

31. Appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever in Mobile, 2161.

32. Appropriation of two hundred and seventy-five dollars for the drawing and painting of a new book of diagrams, 2333.

33. Appropriation of twenty-five dollars to pay for postage, newspapers, &c., 2349.

34. Appropriation of twenty-five dollars to pay for the enrolment on parchment of the revised Constitution, 2353.

35. Appropriation of three hundred dollars for the relief of brethren suffering from yellow fever in Norfolk and Portsmouth, 2400, 2458, 2475.

FINANCE, REVENUE, &c., continued.

36. Appropriation, indefinite, for publishing the fourth volume of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2528.

37. The Grand Treasurer directed to invest the surplus funds in the treasury in six per cent. United States stocks, 1893, 1929, 1991, 2156.

38. The Grand Sire and Grand Treasurer authorized to sell certain stock of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2278, 2295, 2349–50.

39. The Grand Sire and Grand Secretary authorized to adjust the outstanding debts due to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1930, 1958–9, 2157, 2178, 2311, 2346.

40. Statements of contributions in aid of the Wildey Fund, 1852, 1856, 1871, 1877, 2014, 2020, 2241.

41. Statements of contributions for the Honolulu hall fund, 1871, 1877, 2014, 2020.

42. The amount contributed to this fund forwarded in 1853 to Excelsior Lodge, at Honolulu, 1989, 2002.

43. The fee of thirty dollars forwarded in 1851 for a charter for Ridgely Lodge, to be located at Marianna, Florida, directed to be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Florida, 2529.

44. The accounts of D. D. Grand Sire Samuel H. Parker, of California, adjusted, 2494, 2500, 2521.

45. Resolution reported by the Committee on Finance to reduce the prices of the books and other supplies furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, not adopted, 2163.

46. A proposition submitted, but not adopted, to make a further application to the Grand Lodges for subscriptions to the Wildey fund, so as to make the aggregate of such subscription reach the sum of $500 per annum, 1964.

47. Refusal to contribute one hundred dollars annually to the National Washington Monument until its completion, 1965, 2122, 2173.

48. Refusal to refund to the different Grand Bodies fifty per cent. of the amount of money paid by them under the assessment tax of 1849, 1946, 2158.

49. Refusal to return to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the assessment tax of 1850, which was paid by said State under protest, 2459, 2497, 2520.

50. Refusal to relieve Sacramento Lodge in California from the payment of per centage, 1917, 1956.

FINANCE, REVENUE, &c., continued.

51. Refusal to refund to San Francisco Lodge, California, the amount of per centage paid in 1852 by said lodge, 1918, 1956.

52. Refusal to remit the dues of Charity Lodge and El Dorado Lodge, in California, 2120, 2173.

53. Remission of dues owing by Sacramento Lodge and Eureka Lodge, at Sacramento, in California, 2130, 2138, 2152, 2209.

54. The regulation of dues and fees to be paid by members of lodges and encampments belongs peculiarly to local legislation, 1896, 1952.

55. The power of a Subordinate Lodge over its financial affairs is regarded by the Grand Lodge of the United States as a "delicate, sacred, and highly cherished prerogative," with which that body will not interfere, 2496, 2520.

56. A Subordinate Lodge may settle by compromise its claims upon such of its members suspended for non-payment of dues as have changed their residence to another State, 2496, 2520.

57. Repeal of laws requiring reports to be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States of the amounts of funds in the treasuries of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and the amounts of their investments, &c., 1911, 1954, 2477, 2503.

58. Refusal to adopt a proposition having in view the prevention of any appropriation of funds belonging to the Order to any purposes not strictly pertaining to the Order, 2175.

59. Report of a committee appointed to inquire into the revenue and expenditures of all Subordinate Lodges with a view to establishing them on a firmer basis, (not adopted,) 1909, 1964.

60. For much interesting matter relating to the financial affairs of lodges, and discussing their ability to continue to fulfil their engagements, see VITAL STATISTICS.

FINES.—See PENALTIES.

FLORIDA. (247.)

1. Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, located at Monticello, authorized by dispensation during the recess of 1851-2 and subsequently confirmed, 1837, 1894, 1952.

2. The fee of thirty dollars, forwarded in 1851 by petitioners for a charter for Ridgely Lodge, to be located at Marianna, in West Florida, directed to be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Florida, 2529.

3. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: William Denham, 2105, 2108; Asa B. Clarke, 2398. In 1854 this State had no Representative present in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2315.

FOREIGN. (248.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States has power to establish lodges and encampments in foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, 2371-2.

2. Where an applicant for membership is a citizen or subject of a foreign Power, and only a *temporary* resident within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, he cannot be initiated into the Order, 2461, 2482, 2504.

3. The Chinese residents of California who believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the Universe, may be admitted to the Order; and if lodges should be established among them in California, such lodges may work in the Chinese language, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

4. Sundry papers presented from Odd-Fellows in England proposing a union of the Order in England and America, and adverse action thereon, 1837, 1885-6, 1889, 1903-4, 1954.

5. A proposition for intercommunion with the Manchester Unity of Odd-Fellows, which was declined, 2213.

6. Refusal to repeal the law requiring the German Lodges to keep their minutes in the English language, 1895, 1915, 1954, 1955-6.

7. A similar proposition, however, prevailed at the next session, and this law was repealed, (see JOURNAL,) 2106, 2113, 2114, 2121, 2131.

8. The work of Subordinate Lodges and the degree of Rebekah ordered to be translated into the French, German, and Spanish languages, 1919, 1931, 1960, 1966.

9. The work of Subordinate Lodges ordered to be translated and printed in the French language, 2126, 2157.

10. The Degree of Rebekah ordered to be translated and printed in the German language, and furnished to lodges at the same rate as the English edition, 2176.

11. The work in the French language directed to be furnished to such Grand Bodies as have Subordinates working in that language, at the same price as the work in the other languages, 2178.

12. Refusal to adopt a proposition to have the Work of the Order translated into the Welsh language, 2462, 2501, 2521.

FORFEITURE.—See OFFICERS and PENALTIES.

FORMS. (249.)

FRENCH.—See FOREIGN.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES, &c. (250.)

1. It depends upon the legislation of State Grand Lodges whether on funeral occasions the usual regalia of the Order shall be worn with or as a substitute for the mourning badge, 2462, 2483, 2504.

2. In funeral processions a Grand Representative is not entitled to precedence of the other officers or members of his Grand Lodge, but must occupy such a position as is assigned to his rank by the laws of his State, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

3. The propriety of imposing fines for non-attendance at funerals is a subject for local legislation, 1934, 1962.

4. Resolutions offered and referred (but not complied with) directing the legislative committee to report a suitable ode for funeral occasions, 2153, 2276.

5. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana presented urging the necessity of adopting an appropriate funeral service to be used at the house of a deceased brother in cases where there are no other funeral services than those of the Order, 2461.

FURNITURE. (253.)

The Grand Lodge of the United States having resolved to hold its annual session of 1853 in the city of Philadelphia, the desks and chairs of all the members were directed to be transported thither for their accommodation, 1938, 1965, 2179.

GEORGIA. (253.)

1. Annual appropriation of forty dollars by the Grand Lodge of this State for the relief of Past Grand Sire Wildey, to continue during his life, 1943.

2. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge submitted favoring the enactment of a law requiring the business of Subordinate Lodges to be transacted in the scarlet degree, and unfavorable action thereon, 2247, 2486, 2504.

3. Instructions of the Grand Lodge to its Representatives favoring a proposition to merge the Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges, and favorable reports of a committee on said proposition, which were not adopted, 2275, 2280, 2329, 2455, 2532.

4. Grand Representatives from the State since the year 1851, viz: Benjamin Conley, 1828; Edward S. Kempton, 1828, 1832, 1982; Luther J. Glenn, 1831, 1982, 2206, 2398; M. Woodruff, 1985; E. C. Grannis, 2207, 2396; John D. Butt, 2452.

GERMAN.—See FOREIGN.

GOOD STANDING. (255.)

GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER. (255.)

GRAND CHAPLAIN.—See OFFICERS.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.—See PATRIARCHAL ORDER.

GRAND GUARDIAN.—See OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES. (262.)

1. The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows is composed of Officers, Representatives, and Past Grand Sires, 2372, 2375.
2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship, 2371.
3. It has exclusive power to make, alter, and regulate the work, language, and regalia of the Order; to pass general laws for the government of the fraternity, and to declare the usages and customs of the Order, 2372, 2383.
4. It has exclusive power to create Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Grand and Subordinate Encampments in any part of the world, delegating to such bodies so much of its authority as is necessary to the exercise of their respective functions, 2371, 2372, 2379.
5. It has power to recall or annul any charter, warrant, or dispensation issued by its authority; and no Lodge or Encampment, Grand or Subordinate, can lawfully exist without its continued sanction and approval, 2371.
6. It has power to superintend the work of the Order in all its branches, to enforce the usages and general laws of the Order, and to punish for non-conformity thereto, 2372, 2383.
7. It is the supreme and ultimate tribunal to which controversies and disputes in the Order may be referred, 2371.
8. It will entertain jurisdiction of an appeal by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment from a decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, provided such appeal be presented with the assent of the Grand Body whose act is thus brought under review, 2371.
9. It will entertain, without the consent of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, jurisdiction of an appeal by an expelled lodge or encampment from a judgment of expulsion pronounced by its immediate superior, provided that the subordinate has submitted to said judgment and surrendered its effects, 2371.
10. It will also entertain an appeal from a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment when such appeal is presented by a member or members thereof, 2371.
11. It will not entertain any inquiry concerning the laws or usages of the Order, unless it be brought before the body by an appeal from a decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, 1953, 1954, 2386.

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12. It is the judge of the certificates or returns and qualifications of its own members, 2376.

13. It meets annually at such place as it may designate, on the third Monday in September. It may also meet on its own adjournment, or upon a special call of the Grand Sire, it being necessary in the latter case for the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to have three months' notice of the meeting and of the object for which it is called, 2376.

14. For reference to what relates to OFFICERS, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, SESSIONS, FINANCE, or other subject, see the title thereof.

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ANNERS, HENRY F., of Pennsylvania. (67.)
Appears as representative, 1827; of committee on appeals, 1835.

ASKEW, HENRY F., of Delaware. (67.)
Appears as representative, 1827, 1985, 2399; of committee on correspondence, 1834, 2101, 2207; nominated for Grand Sire, 1889; declined a nomination for Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; of committee to engross the amended constitution, 2320; of committee to consider the expediency of merging the Subordinate Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges, and report thereon, 2340, 2455.

AUSTIN, H. S., of Illinois.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on returns, 2449.

BAILEY, SAMUEL H., of Missouri.
Appears as representative, 1984, 2206; obtains leave of absence, 2176.

BALDWIN, LLOYD E., of Connecticut. (69.)
Appears as representative, 1827; of committee on correspondence, 1834; obtains leave of absence, 1953.

BANKS, E. P., of Maine.
Appears as representative, 2206; of committee on unfinished business, 2459; of special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495; obtains leave of absence, 2314, 2523.

BARNARD, DANIEL P., of Northern New York. (69.)
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982; of the legislative committee, 1834; nominated for Grand Sire, 1889; of committee to revise the constitution, 1908; a new form thereof reported. 2025; of committee on constitutions, 2101; of committee on

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the condition of the Order in British North America, 2111; report on the subject, 2139; of committee on the expediency of procuring a book of diagrams for each Grand Lodge and Encampment, 2112; report in favor thereof, 2136; again nominated for Grand Sire, 2255.

BARNARD, F. J., of Alabama.
Appears as representative, 2398.

BARRY, R. H., of Tennessee.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on allotment of seats, 2397; obtains leave of absence, 2510.

BARRY, E. H., of Indiana.
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396; of committee on Grand Bodies not represented, 2449.

BARRY, A. S., of Illinois.
Appears as representative, 2399.

BAXTER, WITTER J., of Michigan.
Appears as representative, 1832.

BAYLEY, WILLIAM, of Maryland. (69.)
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396; of special committee on dues and benefits, 2258; of committee on printing, 2449.

BELL, WILLIAM A., of Massachusetts.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on credentials, 2397; of special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464, report adverse to the proposition, 2495.

BENEDICT, GEORGE W., of Connecticut.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on mileage and per diem, 2208.

BIER, HENRY, of Louisiana.
Appears as representative, 2206.

BILLINGHURST, CHARLES, of Wisconsin.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982, 2206; of committee on credentials, 1982; of committee on vital statistics, life insurance, &c., 1965; report on the subject, 2043; of committee on finance, 2207.

BISHOP, SAMUEL, of Connecticut. (69.)
Appears as representative, 1985; obtains leave of absence, 2168.

BOOTH, DAVID B., of Connecticut.
Appears as representative, 2398.

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BOYLSTON, R. B., of South Carolina.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on the state of the Order, 2448.

BRADBURY, C. W., of Vermont.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; of committee on printing, 2102; obtains leave of absence, 1943, 2176.

BRIDGMAN, JOSEPH, of Iowa.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on correspondence, 2207.

BROWN, F. M., of Connecticut.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on unfinished business, 2247; of committee on petitions, 2449.

BROWN, ROBERT C., of Massachusetts.
Appears as representative, 2207.

BRUCE, Rev. A. W., of Northern New York.
Appears as representative, 2398; appointed Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*, 2450.

BRUNSON, BENJAMIN W., of Minnesota.
Appears as representative, 2108; of committee on Grand Bodies not represented, 2208.

BRYSON, N. G., of Mississippi.
Appears as representative, 1984.

BURTON, JOSEPH, of Maine.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982.

BUTT, JOHN D., of Georgia.
Appears as representative, 2452; obtains leave of absence, 2518.

BYRON, JOSEPH, of Massachusetts.
Appears as representative, 2452.

CARLISLE, NELSON, of Delaware.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982.

CARPENTER, E. J., of Vermont.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on Grand Bodies not represented, 2208.

CARPER, WILLIAM M., of Texas.
Appears as representative, 2398.

CARR, JAMES, of Missouri.
Appears as representative, 2398.

CASSIDY, GEORGE W., of New Jersey.
Appears as representative, 2477; prevented from attendance by sickness in his family, 2532.

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CASSADY, JAMES M., of New Jersey. (72.)
Appears as representative, 1827; of committee to superintend the drawing for seats, 1829; of committee on correspondence, 1834; appointed and installed Grand Marshal, 1986; present as Grand Marshal, 2203.

CHAMBERLAIN, JOHN E., of Maryland. (62.)
Appointed and installed Grand Messenger, 1986; appointed and installed for another term, 2446.

CHAPMAN, JACOB P., of Indiana. (73.)
Appears as representative, 1985; of committee on business deferred, 2110; of committee to prepare a form of ceremony for the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2124; protest against a decision of the Grand Lodge whereby Rep. Dufour was allowed to retain his seat after having temporarily removed from his State, 2182.

CHENEY, CHARLES C., of Wisconsin.
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396.

CHESTER, JOHN, of Michigan. (73.)
Appears as representative, 1831; obtains leave of absence, 1919; his death announced and proceedings thereon, 1994, 2168.

CHIDSEY, WILLIAM, of Ohio. (73.)
Appears as representative, 1827.

CLARK, HORATIO N., of Ohio. (74.)
Appears as representative to fill unexpired term, 2398; of special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495.

CLARK, ROBERT H., of Delaware.
Appears as representative, 1849, 1887, 2108, 2204; obtains leave of absence, 2314.

CLARK, ASA B., of Florida.
Appears as representative, 2398.

CLAYTON, JOHN G., of Southern New York. (74.)
Appears as representative, 2398.

COATS, PAXSON, of Ohio.
Appears as representative, 2398; obtains leave of absence, 2498.

COFFROTH, C. A. B., of Virginia.
Appears as representative, 2399.

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COLFAX, SCHUYLER, of Indiana. (74.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1985, 2452; of committee to superintend the drawing for seats, 1829; of committee on the state of the Order, 1834, 2101; of committee to revise the constitution, 1908; a new form thereof reported, 2025; protests against a decision of the Grand Lodge retaining Rep. Dufour in his seat, 2182; nominated for Grand Sire, 2255; of legislative committee, 2448; of committee to report a form for opening and closing the degree of Rebekah, 2494; obtains leave of absence, 2523.

CONLEY, BENJAMIN, of Georgia. (75.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of the legislative committee, 1834; of committee on finance, 1835.

CONNELLY, J. K., of Mississippi.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee to consider the expediency of merging the Subordinate Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges, and report thereon, 2340, 2455; of committee on correspondence, 2448.

CRAIGHEAD, SAMUEL, of Ohio.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on the state of the Order, 2448.

CRICKARD, JOHN, of Louisiana. (75.)
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; of committee on finance, 1835; excused from service, 1849; of committee to supervise the printing of the work of Subordinate Lodges in the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1931; report on the subject, 2125; explains his vote upon a proposition to amend the constitution, 1946; of committee on legislation, 2101.

CRUTCHER, WILLIAM, of Mississippi. (76.)
Appears as representative, 1828.

CUNNINGHAM, P. L., of Connecticut.
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396.

CURTIS, WILLIAM, of Pennsylvania. (76.)
Nominated for Grand Secretary, and withdrawal of his name, 1892; appears as representative, 2105, 2108, 2399; of committee on printing, 2113; of committee on finance, 2448; appointed Grand Marshal, pro tem., 2450; of special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495.

DAY, GEORGE W., of Tennessee.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee to devise suitable regalia for Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Patriarchs, and a style reported, but not adopted, 2104, 2166, 2178; obtains leave of absence, 2346.

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DEERING, NATHANIEL F., of Maine. (77.)
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396; of committee on state of the Order, 2207; of committee on mileage and per diem. 2449; obtains leave of absence, 2523.

DENHAM, WILLIAM, of Florida.
Appears as representative, 2105, 2108; obtains leave of absence, 2167; of committee on petitions, 2208.

DENISON, CHARLES H., of Rhode Island.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on printing, 2208; obtains leave of absence, 2314.

DESAUSSURE, WILMOT G., of South Carolina. (77.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on the state of the Order, 1834; nominated and elected Grand Sire, 1889, 1891; of committee to revise the Constitution, 1908; a new form thereof reported, 2025; installed as Grand Sire, 1986; his inaugural address, 1995; present as Grand Sire, 2203; his first annual report, 2208; authorized to visit the jurisdiction of British North America, 2265, 2327; announces the death of Rep. Edmund P. Hunter, of Virginia, 2344; his final report as Grand Sire, 2399; thanks of the Grand Lodge voted to him for the able manner in which he discharged his duties, 2449; his portrait ordered and appropriation therefor, 2449; a steel engraved likeness of him ordered to be procured for the fourth volume of proceedings, 2528.

DIBBLE, EDGAR C., of Northern New York. (77.)
Appears as representative, 1828; his report upon the revenue and expenditures of lodges, 1909; obtains leave of absence, 1930.

DODD, HARRISON H., of Ohio.
Appears as representative, 2398.

DREW, JOSEPH L., of Massachusetts. (78.)
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; of committee on constitutions, 1835, 2101; of committee on allotment of seats, 1983.

DUFOUR, OLIVER, of Indiana.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982; of committee on appeals, 1835; of committee on allotment of seats, 1983; at the last session of his elective term his right to serve on a committee was questioned, and his right to a seat contested, in consequence of his having accepted an office and removed from Indiana to the city of Washington; but his privileges as a member, under the circumstances stated, were in both cases sustained, 1983, 2126, 2127, 2128; obtains leave of absence, 2175.

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DUNLAP, J. G., of Louisiana.
Appears as representative, 2114, 2121, 2204; of committee to supervise the printing of the work of Subordinate Lodges in the French. Spanish, and German languages, 1931; report on the subject, 2125.

DURHAM, MILTON J., of Kentucky.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of special committee on dues and benefits, 2258; presents two appeals from the jurisdiction of Kentucky, 2451, 2453; of committee on unfinished business, 2459.

DWINELLE, JOHN W., of California. (78.)
Appears as representative, 2399; of committee on appeals, 2449.

ECKEL, HENRY, of Delaware.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on returns, 2449.

EDMONDS, JOHN R., of Virginia.
Appears as representative, 1984.

ELLIS, F. A., of Maryland.
Appears as representative, 2398.

ELLISON, WILLIAM, of Massachusetts. (79.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1985, 2108, 2204; of committee on appeals, 1835, 2101, 2207; of committee on deferred business, 1842, 2247; nominated for Grand Sire, 1889; of committee to revise the constitution, 1908; submits his views of the new form of constitution reported, 2042–3; again nominated for Grand Sire and elected, 2255–6; appointed to visit the British Provinces on business of the Order and his report thereon, 2401, 2412; said report approved, 2481, 2504; installed as Grand Sire and his inaugural address, 2445; a steel plate portrait of him ordered to be procured for the fourth volume of proceedings, 2528.

ENGLISH, WILLIAM, of Pennsylvania.
Appears as representative, 1984, 2398; of committee to report suitable regalia for Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Patriarchs, and a style reported which was not adopted, 2104, 2166, 2178; of committee on credentials, 2205; of legislative committee, 2448.

EVANS, THOMAS D., of Iowa.
Appears as representative, 2452.

FARNSWORTH, E. D., of Tennessee.
Appears as representative, 2399.

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FITZHUGH, EDWARD H., of Virginia. (80.)
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982, 2206, 2396; of committee on a proposition from Odd-Fellows of England for a union with the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1889; nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 1891; obtains leave of absence, 1919; of committee on finance, 2101; of committee on state of the Order, 2207; of committee on appeals, 2449; of committee on the subject of the Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers by yellow fever, 2464; report on the subject, and the adoption thereof, appropriating three hundred dollars for their relief, 2475; expression of thanks on behalf of the delegation from Virginia, 2475; obtains leave of absence, 2510.

FOUTE, AUGUSTUS M., of Mississippi.
Appears as representative, 1831, 2207, 2399; of committee on Grand Bodies not represented, 2102, 2208, 2449; obtains leave of absence, 2159.

FROMENT, ANDRE, of Southern New York.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982, 2207, 2396; of committee on appeals, 2207; protests against refusing H. N. Clark a seat as a representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, 2326; of legislative committee, 2448; obtains leave of absence, 2523.

FULLER, E. G., of Nova Scotia.
Appointed District Deputy Grand Sire of the Lower Provinces of British America, 2369; appears as representative from said Provinces, and admitted to a seat, 2399, 2454; official acknowledgment of his valuable services as District Deputy Grand Sire, 2401, 2414; of special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495; obtains leave of absence, 2463, 2517.

GILCHRIST, WILLIAM, of New Jersey.
Appears as representative, 1985.

GILLESPIE, RICHARD, of Kentucky. (81.)
Appears as representative, 1831; obtains leave of absence, 1946.

GILMORE, DEXTER, of Northern New York.
Appears as representative, 2398.

GLENN, LUTHER J., of Georgia.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982, 2206, 2398; of committee on credentials, 1982; of committee to prepare suitable regalia for Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Patriarchs, and a style reported, but not adopted, 2104, 2166, 2178; of committee on legislation, 2207; obtains leave of absence, 2498.

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GOBRIGHT, L. A., of District of Columbia.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on printing, 2449.

GRANNISS, E. C., of Georgia.
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396; of committee on Grand Bodies not represented, 2449.

GREEN, CLARK H., of Missouri.
Appears as representative, 1832.

GRIFFIN, ROBERT, of Georgia. (49.)
A Past Grand Sire; elected a member of committee to revise the constitution, 1908; his letter declining the appointment, 2025.

GRIFFIN, SAMUEL H., of Michigan.
Appears as representative, 2398.

GRUMAN, CHOLWELL J., of Connecticut.
Appears as representative, 1832; of committee on correspondence, 2101; obtains leave of absence, 2168.

GYLES, JOHN A., of South Carolina. (83.)
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982, 2248, 2396; of committe on Grand Bodies unrepresented, 1835; of committee on the state of the Order, 2101, 2207; his credentials lost by the Secretary but a seat accorded him as representative, 2248–9; of committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495.

HACKLEMAN, P. A., of Indiana. (83.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1984, 2204; of committee to prepare a form for opening and closing Degree Lodges, 1843; of committee on printing, 2102; protests against a decision of the Grand Lodge retaining Rep. Dufour in his seat, 2182; of committee on constitution, 2208; declined a nomination for Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; of committee to engross the amended constitution, 2320.

HALE, JAMES W., of Southern New York. (83.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1984, 2204; of committee on mileage and per diem, 1835, 2102, 2208; nominated for Grand Treasurer, and withdrawal of his name, 1892; protests against refusing H. N. Clark a seat as a representative from Ohio, 2326; appointed and installed Grand Marshal, 2446, 2477; obtains leave of absence, 2178.

HANSFORD, CHARLES R., of Alabama. (83.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 2398.

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HARDENBURGH, THOMAS H., of North Carolina.
Appears as representative, 1832.

HARDIE, THOMAS, of Iowa. (83.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on mileage and per diem, 1835.

HARMON, CHARLES C., of Maine.
Appears as representative, 1831; obtains leave of absence, 2167.

HAYWARD, NELSON, of Ohio.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982; of committee on petitions, 2103.

HERNDON, MILTON, of Indiana.
Appears as representative, 2398.

HICKS, WILLIAM, of Rhode Island.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; of committee on Grand Bodies not represented, 2102.

HICKS, ISAAC S., of Illinois.
Appears as representative, 2207; of committee on unfinished business, 2247.

HINSDALE, HENRY B., of Wisconsin. (84.)
Appears as representative, 1828.

HODGSON, JOHN W., of District of Columbia.
Appears as representative, 1984, 2204, 2398; of committee on printing, 2208; of committee on allotment of seats, 2397.

HOPKINS, WILLIAM, of Northern New York.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on returns, 2208; of special committee on forms for installing degree officers, 2277; obtains leave of absence, 2180, 2314.

HOW, JOHN, of Missouri.
Appears as representative, 2472.

HUMPHREY, DANIEL, of Ohio.
Appears as representative, 1984.

HUNT, E. P., of Texas.
Appears as representative, 1832, 2206, 2396; explains his vote on a constitutional amendment, 1946; of committee on mileage and per diem, 2208, 2449; of committee on unfinished business, 2459.

HUNT, R. FINLEY, of District of Columbia.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; of committee to prepare a form of dedicating halls, (no report,) 1965; of committee on appeals, 2101.

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HUNTER, EDMUND P., of Virginia.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982, 2207; of committee on condition of the Wildey fund, 1846; report on the subject, 1925–6; of committee on allotment of seats, 1983; declined a nomination for Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; obtains leave of absence, 1953; ditto on account of severe indisposition, 2278; death announced and action thereon, 2344.

HYDE, JOSEPH E., of Michigan.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204.

INGRAHAM, TIMOTHY, of Massachusetts.
Appears as representative, 1984.

JENNINGS, WILLIAM E., of Alabama. (86.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on mileage and per diem, 1835; nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 1891; of committee on vital statistics, 1965; report on the subject, 2043.

JOHNSON, R. M., of Arkansas.
Appears as representative, 2324, 2396; of committee on printing, 2449.

JONES, ANSON, of Texas.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on petitions, 2101; of committee on credentials, 2205; nominated for Grand Sire, 2255; declined a nomination for Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; obtains leave of absence, 2314.

JONES, E. W., of North Carolina.
Appears as representative, 2206.

JONES, LEVIN, of District of Columbia.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; obtains leave of absence, 2332.

JONES, Rev. REUBEN, of Arkansas.
Appointed Grand Chaplain, but was not in attendance, 2446.

JONES, WILLIAM H., of Massachusetts.
Appears as representative, 1831.

KELLOGG, ASHER S., of Michigan. (86.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1982, 1984, 2204; of committee on printing, 1835, 2102; nominated for Grand Sire, and withdrawal of his name, 1889; announces the death of Rep. John Chester and proceedings thereon, 2168; of committee on finance, 2207.

KELLOGG, JAMES B., of Wisconsin.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982, 2452; of committee on finance, 1835, 2101.

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KEMPTON, EDWARD S., of Georgia. (86.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1832, 1982; of committee on finance, 2101; of committee on the expediency of procuring a book of diagrams for each Grand Lodge and Encampment, 2112; reports in favor thereof, 2136.

KENNEDY, JOHN A., (P. G. Sire,) of Southern New York. (46.)
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982, 2399; of committee to superintend the drawing for seats, 1829; a question raised as to his right, as a Past Grand Sire, to take part in the organization, and determined in his favor, 1829, 1830; of committee on legislation, 1834; of committee on credentials, 1982; of committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495; obtains leave of absence, 2523.

LAMBEBT, HENRY, of Pennsylvania.
Appears as representative, 2207.

LAMBERTON, WILLIAM H., of Pennsylvania.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396.

LAYTON, CALEB RODNEY, of Delaware.
Appears as representative, 2398.

LANGWORTHY, A. J., of Wisconsin. (87.)
Appears as representative, 2280.

LEWIS, JOHN L., of Northern New York.
Appears as representative, 2250, 2396; of committee on mileage and per diem, 2449.

LEWYT, SOLOMON H., of Maryland.
Present as Grand Guardian, 1827, 1981, 2203, 2395; re-appointed and re-installed Grand Guardian, 1986, 2446.

LIBBY, JOHN, of Missouri. (87.)
Appears as representative, 1832.

LONG, PETER B., of Pennsylvania.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204.

LUCAS, A. J., of California.
Appears as representative, 2206.

LYFORD, JOHN C., of New Hampshire.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; announces the death of Past Representative Walter French, of New Hampshire, and proceedings thereon, 2124; obtains leave of absence, 2175.

LYMAN, EDWARD B., of Alabama.
Appears as representative, 1985; of committee on constitutions, 2101.

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LYNES, SAMUEL, of Connecticut.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; of committee on Grand Bodies unrepresented, 1835; obtains leave of absence, 1943.

MAGRUDER, WILLIAM B., of District of Columbia. (90.)
Appears as representative, 1828; nominated for Grand Treasurer, and withdrawal of his name, 1892.

MANCHESTER, HORACE A., of Rhode Island. (90.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on petitions, 1835; nominated and elected Deputy Grand Sire, 1891, 1892; installed, 1986; present as R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, 2203; nominated for Grand Sire, 2255.

MARLEY, RICHARD, of Maryland. (91.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1985, 2204, 2398; of committee on deferred business, 1842; of committee on correspondence, 2101, 2207.

MASSEY, JOSHUA A., of Alabama.
Appointed Grand Chaplain pro tem., 2205; appears as representative, 2206.

MATHEWS, WILLIAM, of Kentucky.
Appears as representative, 1832; obtains leave of absence, 1946; his death announced, and proceedings thereon, 1994, 2107.

MATHEWS, AMOS, of Iowa.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on credentials, 2397.

McCORD, WILLIAM D., of Iowa.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982; of committee on legislation, 2101; obtains leave of absence, 2177.

MICKLE, ISAAC W., of New Jersey.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee to distribute the business contained in the annual reports, 2405; of committee on correspondence, 2448.

MONELL, GEORGE J. N., of California.
Appears as representative, 2398.

MOORE, WILLIAM W., of District of Columbia. (49.)
Present as Grand Sire, 1827, 1981; his annual reports, 1836, 1986; his decisions, as Grand Sire, and action thereon, 1839, 1842, 1883, 1952, 1992, 2102, 2111; receives a vote of thanks for the industry and ability with which he discharged the duties of Grand Sire, and a diploma directed to be presented to him, 2102; his portrait ordered to be procured, and appropriation therefor, 2108; acknowledgment of its receipt, 2209.

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MOORE, JAMES M., of Kentucky.
Appears as representative, 1984; aunounces the death of Rep. William Mathews, and proceedings thereon, 2107.

MORRIS, GEORGE S., of Pennsylvania.
Nominated for Grand Treasurer, 1892.

MORTON, ELIJAH, of Tennessee. (93.)
Appears as representative, 1828.

MOSS, DANIEL, of Indiana.
Appears as representative, 2207.

MOUNTFORT, NAPOLEON B., of Southern New York.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on allotment of seats, 2205.

MULFORD, FRANCIS D., of New Jersey.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982, 2007; of committee on mileage and per diem, 2102; of committee on petitions, 2208.

MULLEN, JOHN R., of Massachusetts.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982; of committee on the condition of the Order in British North America, 2111; report on the subject, 2139.

MUNDAY, W. S., of Tennessee. (93.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 2398; of committee on petitions, 1835; of committee on finance, 2448.

NEWBY, JOHNSTON B., of North Carolina.
Appears as representative, 1831; of committee on petitions, 1835.

NINDE, JAMES C., of Maryland.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396.

NORMAN, J. P., of Arkansas.
Appears as representative, 1831; of committee on returns, 1835.

OLDS, EDSON B., of Ohio. (94.)
Nominated for Grand Sire, 1889.

PAGE, HERMAN L., of Wisconsin. (94.)
Present as Deputy Grand Sire, 1827, 1981; nominated for Grand Sire, and withdrawal of his name, 1889.

PARMENTER, WILLIAM E., of Massachusetts. (94.)
Appears as representative, 2452; of committee on the state of the Order, 2448.

POTTER, WILLIAM, JR., of Rhode Island.
Appears as representative, 2452.

G. LODGE U. STATES.—MEMBERS FROM 1852 TO 1855, continued.

POTTS, JOHN G., of Illinois. (96.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1832, 1982; of committee on Grand Bodies unrepresented, 1835, 2102; nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 1891.

PRUETT, J. W., of Kentucky.
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396; of committee on credentials, 2397.

PURDIN, MATTHEW, of California.
Appears as representative, 2110; of committee on returns, 2101, 2204; of committee on printing, 2208; his mileage erroneously computed and afterwards allowed, 2331, 2340; appointed District Deputy Grand Sire for California, 2369.

RACE, GEORGE W., of Louisiana.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1984, 2204, 2398; of committee to supervise the printing of the work of Subordinate Lodges into the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1931; report on the subject, 2125; makes an appeal from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which appeal was sustained, 2103, 2118; of committee on credentials, 2205; nominated and elected Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; installed as such, 2445; of committee on petitions, 2449; of committee to report a form for opening and closing the degree of Rebekah, 2494; obtains leave of absence, 1943.

READ, SAMUEL, of New Jersey. (96.)
Nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 1891.

REMINGTON, W. H., of Missouri. (97.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 2399.

REPITON, Rev. A. PAUL, of North Carolina.
Appears as representative, 2472.

REYNOLDS, THOMAS, of Canada West.
Appears as representative and admitted to a seat, 2399, 2453; District Deputy Grand Sire for Canada West, 2369; approval of his official conduct, 2401, 2410; obtains leave of absence, 2465.

RICH, THOMAS, of District of Columbia.
Appears as representative, 2398.

RIDGELY, JAMES L., of Maryland.
Present as Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, 1827, 1981; re-elected to said offices, 1892; re-installed, 1986; again re-elected, 2257; re-installed, 2445; appointed to visit the Order in the British North American Provinces, and report of his mission, 2401, 2405; approval of the manner in which he performed the duties of the mission, 2481, 2504; his annual re-

ports as Grand Secretary, each of them giving a general view of the condition and progress of the Order for the years preceding their respective dates, 1849, 1996, 2217, 2414; his annual statements of moneys received, 1863, 1875, 2007, 2017, 2227, 2239, 2425.

ROBINSON, EDMUND C., of Virginia. (97.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1985, 2204, 2399; of committee on credentials, 1828; of committee on constitutions, 1835; nominated for Deputy Grand Sire and withdrawal of his name, 1891; of committee on allotment of seats, 2205; again nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; of special committee on forms for installing degree officers, 2277; appointed Grand Marshal pro tem., 2396; of committee on correspondence, 2448; of committee on granting relief to the Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers by yellow fever, 2464, 2475.

ROBINSON, ISRAEL, of Virginia. (98.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on deferred business, 1842; obtains leave of absence, 1953.

ROBINSON, JACOB H., of Virginia.
Appears as representative, 2398.

ROHRER, DANIEL, of Minnesota.
Appears as representative, 2452.

ROUNSVILLE, WILLIAM, of Illinois.
Appears as representative, 1887, 1982, but at the latter session, it having been made known that he was acting under a commission from the Grand Master of his State, given on account of the absence of the brother who was duly elected, Rep. Rounsville was denied the privilege of resuming his seat, which was accorded to the regularly elected member, 2108. 2109; his mileage and per diem paid, 2113; again appeared as representative, 2398; of committee to report a form for opening and closing the degree of Rebekah, 2494.

RUCKER, H. L., of Illinois.
Appears as representative, 1984, 2204; of committee on returns, 2208.

RUPLE, JAMES B., of Pennsylvania.
Appears as representative, 1831.

RUSSEL, WILLIAM P., of Vermont.
Appears as representative, 2207, 2396; of committee to consider the expediency of merging encampments into the Subordinate Lodges, and report thereon, 2340, 2455; of committee on constitutions, 2449.

RUSSELL, ROWLAND F., of Northern New York. (98.)
Appears as representative, 1828; obtains leave of absence, 1895.

G. LODGE U. STATES.—MEMBERS FROM 1852 TO 1855, continued.

SANDERS, JAMES P., of Northern New York.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982.

SENTER, TIMOTHY G., of New Hampshire. (99.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1985, 2204, 2399; of committee on returns, 1835, 2101; nominated for Grand Sire, 1889; nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 1891; of committee on condition of the Order in British North America, 2111; report on the subject, 2139; of committee on returns, 2208; of committee on distributing business contained in annual reports, 2405; of committee on returns, 2449; obtains leave of absence, 2167.

SESSFORD, JOHN, Jr., of District of Columbia. (99.)
Present as Grand Marshal, 1827, 1981; nominated for Grand Treasurer, 1892.

SEYMOUR, ROBERT W., of South Carolina.
Appears as representative, 1832; of committee on condition of the Wildey fund, 1846; report on the subject, 1925–6; of committee touching a proposition from Odd-Fellows' of England for a union with the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1889; adverse report thereon, 1903; of committee to prepare a form for dedicating halls, (no report) 1965.

SHAW, G. W., of Louisiana. (100.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on credentials, 1828; of committee on finance, 1849.

SHAW, ROBERT O., of Alabama. (100.)
Appears as representative, 2110.

SHELLEY, N. G., of Alabama.
Appears as representative, 1832.

SIMES, STEPHEN H., of New Hampshire. (100.)
Appears as representative, 1828.

SIMPSON, J. ALEXANDER, of Pennsylvania. (100.)
Appears as representative, 1827.

SLIGO, GEORGE, of Pennsylvania.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982; of committee of returns, 2101.

SMALL, WILSON, of Southern New York. (101.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on credentials, 1828; of committee on the state of the Order, 1895; makes a minority report urging a repeal of the law requiring German lodges to keep their minutes in the English language, 1915; of committee to prepare a form for opening and closing degree lodges, 1843.

G. LODGE U. STATES.—MEMBERS FROM 1852 TO 1855, continued.

SMILEY, THOMAS T., of Tennessee.
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982, 2206; of committee on mileage and per diem, 2102; of committee on finance, 2207; nominated for Grand Sire, 2255.

SMITH, WILLIAM R., of Maine. (101.)
Appears as representative, 1914, 1918, 1985; of committee to prepare a form of dedicating halls, 1965; of committee on the state of the Order, 2101; of committee on the expediency of procuring a book of diagrams for each Grand Lodge and Encampment, 2112; report adverse to the proposition, 2136; obtains leave of absence, 2167.

SMITH, ADDISON M., of Northern New York.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204.

SMITH, P. C., of Alabama.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on constitutions, 2208; of committee on appeals, 2449.

SMITH, HUNTINGTON, of Michigan.
Appears as representative, 2398.

STACY, CONSIDER A., of Michigan.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2398; of committee on constitutions, 2449; of special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495; obtains leave of absence, 2168.

STEELE, WALTER L., of North Carolina.
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982, 2206, 2396; of legislative committee, 2101, 2207; nominated for Grand Sire, 2255; of committee to consider the propriety of merging the Subordinate Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges, and reports thereon, 2275, 2280, 2340, 2455; of committee on constitutions, 2449; obtains leave of absence, 2180, 2495.

STEELE, HENRY, of New Hampshire.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on allotment of seats, 2205.

STETSON, HENRY G., of Louisiana.
Appears as representative, 2398; of special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers who are not in possession of clearance cards, 2464; report adverse to the proposition, 2495; obtains leave of absence, 2498.

G. LODGE U. STATES.—MEMBERS FROM 1852 TO 1855, continued.

STOKES, J. W., of Pennsylvania. (103.)
Nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 1891.

STRAW, S. B., of Maine.
Appears as representative, 2398.

STRONG, WILLIAM A., of Mississippi.
Appears as representaiive, 2398.

STUART, FREDERIC D., of District of Columbia. (103.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on the state of the Order, but excused from service, 1834, 1894-5.

TAYLOR, JOSEPH N., of New Jersey. (104.)
Appears as representative, 1827, 1984, 2204; of committee on condition of Wildey fund, 1846; report on the subject, 1925-6; of committee to prepare a form of ceremony for the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2124; of legislative committee, 2207.

TAYLOR, JOHN H., of Indiana.
Nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 1891.

THAYER, WILLIAM, of South Carolina.
Appears as representative, 2398.

THOMPSON, NEWELL A., of Massachusetts. (104.)
Appears as representative, 2207, 2399; of special committee on forms for installing degree officers, 2277; appointed Deputy Grand Sire pro tem., 2396; of committee on finance, 2448; of committee on granting relief to the Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers by yellow fever, 2464, 2475.

TORRE, PETER DELLA, of South Carolina. (105.)
Appears as representative, 1985; declined a nomination for the office of Grand Sire, 2255; a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York presented to him as a token of esteem, 2452.

TUCKER, ISAAC M., of New Jersey.
Appears as representative, 2398.

TUFTS, CHARLES A., of New Hampshire.
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396.

TUTHILL, WILLIAM H., of Iowa.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on mergement, 2340.

TUXBURY, A., of Vermont.
Appears as representative, 1831; obtains leave of absence, 1943.

UFFORD, JOHN, of Iowa.
Appears as representative, 2477.

G. LODGE U. STATES.—MEMBERS FROM 1852 TO 1855, continued.

VAN CLEFT, GEORGE H., of California.
Appears as representative, 2398.

VANSANT, JOSHUA, of Maryland. (106.)
Appears as representative, 1828; of committee on printing, 1835; nominated and elected Grand Treasurer, 1892–3; installed, 1986; present as Grand Treasurer, 2203; again nominated and elected Grand Treasurer, 2258; installed, 2445; his annual reports, 2014, 2235, 2442, 2463.

VEITCH, ISAAC M., of Missouri. (106.)
Appears as representative, 1984, 2204; of committee on appeals, 2101; of committee to prepare a form of ceremony for installing the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2124; of committee on appeals, 2207; nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; of committee to engross the amended constitution, 2320; obtains leave of absence, 2314.

VENNIGERHOLZ, THEODORE, of Mississippi. (106.)
Appears as representative, 1828, 1985; of committee on constitutions, 1835.

WARNER, ANDREW E., of Maryland. (107.)
Present as Grand Treasurer, 1827, 1981; nominated for Grand Treasurer, 1892.

WASHINGTON, JOHN N., of North Carolina. (107.)
Appears as representative, 2207, 2399; of committee on distributing business in annual reports, 2405.

WEBSTER, R. H. L., of Rhode Island.
Appears as representative, 2399.

WHALIN, EDWARD, of Northern New York.
Appears as representative, 2262, 2396; of committee on allotment of seats, 2397; obtains leave of absence, 2314, 2521.

WHEELER, JOHN M., of Rhode Island. (108.)
Appears as representative, 2206, 2396; of committee on petitions, 2449; nominated for Grand Sire, 1889.

WILKINSON, DANIEL, of Rhode Island.
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; of committee on deferred business, 2110.

WILLEY, REV. JUNIUS M., of Connecticut. (109.)
Present as Grand Chaplain, 1827, 1981; nominated for Grand Sire, and withdrawal of his name, 1889; re-appointed Grand Chaplain, 1986; absent in consequence of domestic affliction, 2205; nominated for Grand Sire, 2255; present as Grand Chaplain, 2395.

G. LODGE U. STATES.—MEMBERS FROM 1852 TO 1855, continued.

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM G., of Ohio. (109.)
Appears as representative, 1827, 1985, 2204; of committee on printing, 1835; of committee on petitions, 2101; but excused from service, 2103; of committee on deferred business, 2110; announces the deaths of Past Representatives David C. Churchill, Mark P. Taylor, and Richard C. Williams, of Ohio, 2106; of committee on petitions, 2208; protests against a decision denying a seat to either of the claimants in a contested case from Ohio, 2345.

WILLIAMS, GEORGE C., of New Hampshire.
Appears as representative, 2398.

WILLIAMSON, Rev. ISAAC D., of Kentucky. (109.)
Appears as representative, 1831, 1982; of committee touching a proposition of Odd-Fellows of England for a union with our Order, 1889; adverse report thereon, 1903; of committee to prepare a form for opening and closing degree lodges, 1843; of committee on dues and benefits, vital statistics, life insurance, &c., 1965; his able and lucid report upon the subject, 2043; said report adopted, 2177; of committee on petitions, 2101; permitted to withdraw from the office of the Grand Secretary certain statistical tables accompanying his report on dues and benefits, 2184; appears as representative from Alabama, 2207; nominated for Deputy Grand Sire, 2257; of special committee on dues and benefits, 2258; the Grand Lodge relinquishes to him all claim to the copy-right taken out for the table of vital statistics, reported in connexion with the subject of "dues and benefits," and grants him leave to publish, sell, or use the same as to him may seem proper, reserving, however, to the Grand Lodge the right to publish and use said tables for the purposes of the Order, 2343.

WILSON, ISAAC G., of Illinois.
Appears as representative, 2108-9.

WILSTACK, CHARLES F., of Ohio.
Appears as representative, 1984, 2204.

WOLFORD, CHARLES, of Kentucky.
Appears as representative, 1984, 2204, 2398; of committee on constitutions, 2208.

WOOD, JAMES, of Rhode Island. (110.)
Appears as representative, 1828.

WOODBRIDGE, F. E., of Vermont.
Appears as representative, 2452.

WOODRUFF, M., of Georgia. (110.)
Appears as representative, 1985.

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WOODWARD, E. K., of Missouri. (110.)
Appears as representative, 1985, 2204; obtains leave of absence, 2176.

WOOLSEY, DANIEL, of Indiana.
Appears as representative, but there being no vacancy a seat was not accorded to him, 2126-29; his mileage and per diem paid, 2161, 2174; appears as representative, 2206, 2396.

WRIGHT, DAVID H., of Wisconsin.
Appears as representative, 2398.

YOUNG, JAMES, of Maryland.
Appears as representative, 1984, 2204.

ZIMMERMAN, BENJAMIN F., of Maryland. (111.)
Appears as representative, 1832, 1982; of committee on finance, but excused from service, 1835; nominated for Grand Treasurer, 1892.

GRAND LODGES OF THE STATES. (266.)

1. The Grand Lodges of the States and Territories exist by virtue of warrants granted or confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to them is delegated all power and authority in the Order which is not reserved to the Grand Lodge of the United States by its own Constitution, 2371, 2372.

2. No more than one Grand Lodge can exist in any State or Territory at the same time, except in New York, which, by special enactment, is divided into two jurisdictions, each of which has one Grand Lodge and one Grand Encampment, 2371.

3. A Grand Lodge cannot be chartered except on the petition of three or more Subordinate Lodges, which must have complied with the by-laws regulating the subject, to be found on pages 2379 and 2380.

4. Every Grand Lodge must defray the expenses incurred by a Grand Officer in opening it and installing its officers, 2380.

5. When a Grand Lodge is duly established in any State or Territory, all the Subordinate Lodges previously existing in such State or Territory pass under the jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge, 2381, 2382.

6. Every Grand Lodge must adopt a Constitution, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2381.

7. Each Grand Lodge has the right to establish a system of representation, and is the proper legislature to regulate such a system for its own government, 1919, 1933, 1962.

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8. Grand Lodges which do their legislative business upon a representative basis have power to confer upon their elective officers the privilege of speaking and voting upon all questions that may arise, but such officers are not entitled to these privileges *ex officio*, 2265, 2468, 2501.

9. A Grand Lodge cannot transfer its legislative functions to a committee, 1936, 1962.

10. The attainment of the Encampment degrees is not a necessary qualification for admission to seats in Grand Lodges, 1843, 1921, 1957.

11. A Grand Lodge cannot make the attainment of the Royal Purple degree a necessary qualification for the office of Grand Master, 2480, 2503.

12. No Grand Lodge can admit to membership any Past Grand who is at the time a member of another Grand Lodge, 2381.

13. The certificate by which a Past Grand procures admission to a Grand Lodge is only *prima facie* evidence of the qualifications of the brother in whose favor it is issued; and if, after a Past Grand has been admitted and taken his seat, it be ascertained that the facts set forth in the certificate are incorrectly stated, the certificate may be set aside and the seat founded thereon vacated, 2461, 2482, 2504.

14. Each Grand Lodge must confer the Grand Lodge degree, without pecuniary consideration, upon any brother in good standing who has regularly performed the duties of Past Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, and upon no other person, it being a reward for official service, 2384.

15. Each Grand Lodge must have a seal, an impression of which in wax must be deposited in the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2381.

16. A Grand Lodge is not restricted to the place of meeting designated in its charter, but may fix the place of meeting by its constitution or by-laws, and may change such place by amendment of its constitution or by-laws, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1952.

17. A Grand Lodge may hold its sessions at other places than those which may be designated in its charter or by-laws, 1899, 1953.

18. The uniform term of service for officers of State Grand Lodges is one year, 1842, 1883, 1897, 1952.

19. A Grand Lodge may open in the scarlet degree for the installation of its officers, 1888, 1952.

20. A Grand Lodge may omit from its journal such of its proceedings as in its judgment should not appear upon the record, 1916, 1956.

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21. A Grand Lodge may, when such a course shall be deemed beneficial, permit its subordinates to meet once in a fortnight instead of weekly, 2104, 2167, 2179.

22. A Grand Lodge may determine whether, on funeral occasions within its own jurisdiction, the usual regalia of the Order shall be worn with or as a substitute for the mourning badge, 2462, 2483, 2504.

23. A Grand Lodge may deprive its own subordinate of its charter without a trial, but such an act would be unjust and contrary to the spirit and usage of the Order, 1919, 1932, 1961.

24. A Grand Lodge may permit lodges working in foreign languages within its jurisdiction to dispense with an English copy of their records; but such lodges must be required to furnish extracts from their minutes translated into English, whenever such extracts are wanted by the Grand Lodge or its proper executive officers, 2106, 2113, 2114, 2121, 2131.

25. Upon the State Grand Lodges is devolved all such legislation as may be necessary to regulate the payment of dues and fees by members of Subordinate Lodges, 1896, 1952.

26. A Grand Lodge may make an appropriation of its own funds for a beneficial purpose not strictly pertaining to the Order, 2175.

27. Grand Lodges may enact laws regulating the manner of annulling cards, provided such laws do not conflict with the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2105, 2145, 2177.

28. Each Grand Lodge has power upon appeal to hear and determine upon matters of grievance between members and lodges within its jurisdiction. No lodge can appeal from its decision to the Grand Lodge of the United States but with its consent, save in case of an expelled lodge which has surrendered its effects, 2371.

29. Each Grand Lodge is entitled to one Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States; and if the Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction contain more than one thousand members, it is entitled to two Representatives. It must furnish them with certificates in proper form, and with all documents and papers necessary for the performance of their duties. It must pay to the Grand Lodge of the United States fifty dollars for every vote to which it is entitled therein, 2375, 2377, 2383.

30. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which is in arrears for moneys due the Grand Lodge of the United States is allowed to vote by its Representatives, 2381, 2530.

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31. One month prior to the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States each Grand Lodge must make to that body an annual return of the condition of the Order within its jurisdiction, according to the prescribed forms, the said return to be accompanied by its dues, 2381.

32. Each Grand Lodge is entitled to receive as many printed copies of the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States as it has in number Subordinates working under its jurisdiction, for its own use, and an equal number to be distributed among its Subordinate Lodges, 2383.

33. Every Grand Lodge is responsible to the Grand Lodge of the United States for any irregularity in work, or otherwise, which it may allow within its jurisdiction. It must enforce upon its subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms determined upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States; and it cannot use, nor suffer to be used within its jurisdiction, any charges, lectures, degrees, forms of installation, ceremonies, or regalia, other than those prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2383.

34. Grand Lodges may submit for the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or to the Grand Sire, any appeal or inquiry relating to the laws or usages of the Order, 2371, 2373, 2386.

35. For reference to legislation connected with the chartering or proceedings of Grand Lodges, see the name of the State, Territory, or Province in which they are located.

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GRAND MASTER.—See OFFICERS.

GRAND MESSENGER.—See OFFICERS.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. (273.)

1. Grand Representatives are apportioned as follows, viz: Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having one thousand or less contributing members in good standing is entitled to one Representative; and each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having more than one thousand contributing members in good standing is entitled to two Representatives, 2375.

2. Every Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing and a member of a lodge in good standing; he must have received the Royal Purple degree, and be a member in good standing of an encampment in good standing; and he must reside in the State, District, or Territory wherein is located the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents, 2375.

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3. Representatives must be chosen by their respective Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments for the term of two years, (from the commencement of the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States next succeeding their election or appointment) and be furnished with the form of certificate prescribed by law, 2375.

4. In a case of contested election the Grand Lodge of the United States decides to whom the contested seat belongs, 2375.

5. Representatives are examined by the Deputy Grand Sire as to their qualifications previous to being admitted to seats; and on taking their seats they are furnished with a copy of the constitution, laws, and rules of order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2383, 2387.

6. No Representative can represent more than one Grand Body at the same time, and no Grand Body can have more than two Representatives, 2375.

7. A Representative from a Grand Body which is entitled to two votes can cast the vote of an absent colleague upon a ballot for officers, (or upon a vote on any question,) but cannot cast the vote of a colleague who is present, 1889, 1890.

8. The Representatives of no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which is in arrears for money due to the Grand Lodge of the United States, can be allowed to vote in that body, and the Grand Sire is required to enforce this law by obtaining from the Grand Secretary at the opening of every annual session an exhibit of the indebtedness of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in order that the same may be placed in possession of the committee on credentials to enable them to perform their duty in conformity with the law, 2381, 2530.

9. A Representative who is interested in the decision of an appeal from his own Grand Lodge may nevertheless vote thereon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2504.

10. Special Grand Representatives may be appointed to or received from any foreign jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship, which is recognised by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2378.

11. A newly elected Representative cannot be regarded as a member or be permitted to participate in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States until that body shall have received his credentials and acknowledged his right to a seat, 1829.

12. All Representatives elected for the constitutional term of two years, and duly admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the annual session succeeding their election, are, as a matter of course, recognised as members of that body

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at the opening of its next ensuing session, unless it shall have been informed that the brother has incurred disqualification subsequently to the first session of his representative term, 1983.

13. A Representative, duly elected and commissioned, who fails to take his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the first session of his term, does not thereby forfeit his right to a seat at the next succeeding session, his credentials being good for two years. He may, nevertheless, be arraigned and removed for neglect of duty, by his own Grand Lodge, if its penal laws shall so provide, 1992, 2114, 2169.

14. If, during the recess of a State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, a vacancy occurs in the office of Grand Representative, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of the Grand Body in which the vacancy may have occurred, 2375.

15. The expenses of Representatives attending the sessions are paid by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2377.

16. Their compensation fixed in 1855 at four cents for each mile travelled, and two dollars per day whilst in attendance at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, 2491, 2502.

17. The several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are required to furnish their Representatives with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office, 2383.

18. Grand Representatives are elective officers and legislative members of their respective Grand Lodges when the local laws of the latter so provide, 2467, 2501.

19. Any Representative may, upon the vote of a majority, be impeached and tried by the Grand Lodge, and if convicted may be expelled by a two-thirds vote, provided the charges shall have been furnished to the accused at least three days before the trial, 2376.

20. No Representative while he is thus on trial can exercise his privilege of membership, but may be heard in his own defence, 2376.

21. Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to which a Representative belongs will operate as a suspension or expulsion from membership in the Grand Lodge, 2376.

22. A Grand Representative elect, by taking a withdrawal card, thereby forfeits his office, although he should afterwards deposite it in another lodge, 2403, 2451, 2460, 2481-2, 2503-4.

23. The above enactment so defined as not to deprive of his seat any duly admitted Grand Representative who, during the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, may withdraw from one

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lodge for the purpose of connecting himself with another, provided no more than three months shall elapse between the periods of withdrawal and deposite, 2507, 2522, 2531.

24. A Representative has authority, within the jurisdiction which he represents, to introduce a brother without a travelling card or password, 2382.

25. Upon the adoption of a new degree by the Grand Lodge of the United States, such degree not being an integral part of the work of the Order, (and it being optional with the different Grand Lodges whether or not they will permit it to be conferred in their respective jurisdictions,) any Grand Representative who becomes possessed of it in the discharge of his representative duties has the right to confer it upon Subordinate Lodges in his own jurisdiction without the authority of his State Grand Lodge, and before he shall have formally reported it to said body for its sanction and approval, 1839, 1883, 1896-7, 1952.

26. A Grand Representative occupies in funeral processions such a position as the laws of his State assign to his station, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

27. A Grand Representative would, in processions organized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, take position with that body, and *ipso facto* one of precedence over the officers and members of State Bodies, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

28. "Representative" is the appellation by which members recognise each other in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2517.

29. Diplomas of the Grand Lodge of the United States voted to each Representative who had not previously received one, 1835, 2106, 2254, 2462.

30. Proposition to extend the term of Grand Representatives to four years, and majority and minority reports thereon, which were indefinitely postponed, 2107, 2149, 2150, 2179.

31. Refusal to permit Past Grand Representatives to be present in secret session to witness the exemplification of the work, 2463.

32. Complete lists of the names of Grand Representatives in attendance in the years 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855, designating their places of residence, 1978, 2200, 2367, 2542.

33. An alphabetical list of Representatives and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the years 1852-3-4-5, with some reference to their service, will be found under the title of GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

34. For reference to propositions to change constitutional provisions affecting Representatives, see CONSTITUTION.

GRAND SECRETARY.—See OFFICERS.

GRAND SIRE.—See OFFICERS.

GRAND TREASURER.—See OFFICERS.

HAWAII, HONOLULU.—See SANDWICH ISLANDS.

HONORS, OFFICIAL.—See DEGREES and OFFICERS.

ILLINOIS. (277.)

1. A case of contested election from Illinois arising from the absence of the duly elected Grand Representative from the first session of his term, and the giving of his seat to another brother who was appointed by the Grand Master of the State. At the second session of the term the duly elected Grand Representative appeared, and the seat was awarded to him, 2108, 2109.

2. An appeal of G. W. Woodward from the decision of the Grand Lodge sustained, (see APPEALS,) 2275-6, 2330, 2347.

3. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: John G. Potts, 1828, 1832, 1982; Wm. Rounsville, 1887, 1982, 2398; Isaac G. Wilson, 2108-9; H. L. Rucker, 2204; H. S. Austin, 2206, 2396; Isaac S. Hicks, 2207; A. S. Barry, 2399.

INCORPORATION. (279.)

INDIANA. (279.)

1. A resolution of the Grand Lodge urging the adoption of appropriate forms for opening and closing Degree Lodges, which received favorable consideration, 1843, 1937, 1963.

2. A resolution of the Grand Lodge instructing its Representatives to procure the passage of a law requiring all visiting and withdrawal cards to express the degree or rank of the recipient, and adverse action thereon, 1846, 1921, 1957.

3. A resolution of the Grand Lodge instructing its Representatives to advocate the getting up of work suitable for each of the five degrees in the Subordinate Lodges, and indefinite postponement of the proposition, 1942, 2122, 2173.

4. An interesting case of contested election from Indiana, involving the right to his seat of a Grand Representative who, after having been duly admitted and served the first session of his term, had, a short time before the commencement of his second session, removed from the State of Indiana to perform official duties under the General Government. In consequence of this removal, the Grand Lodge of Indiana declared his seat vacant and elected another brother to fill it, but the Grand Lodge of the United States decided in favor of the right of the sitting member to retain his seat, 1983, 2126, 2129, 2182.

INDIANA, continued.

5. Appeals from this State, (see APPEALS,) viz: of W. K. Edwards from a decision of the Grand Lodge, 1934, 1962; of William Henderson from a decision of the Grand Lodge, 1934-5, 1962.

6. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: Schuyler Colfax, 1828, 1985, 2452; P. A. Hackleman, 1828, 1984, 2204; Oliver Dufour, 1832, 1982; Jacob P. Chapman, 1985; Daniel Woolsey, 2206, 2396; Daniel Moss, 2207; E. H. Barry, 2207, 2396; Milton Herndon, 2398.

INDIANS. (279.)

INITIATION. (281.)

1. When an applicant for membership presents himself for initiation, in pursuance of notice from a lodge, the condition of his health cannot be investigated, except in the manner required by the charge book, 2104, 2147, 2177.

2. If a person should be elected a member through error or fraud, (as to his health or otherwise,) a majority of the lodge can, previously to his initiation, order a new ballot; but if the fraud be not discovered until after initiation, then the party must be regarded as a member, and can only be expelled upon regular trial, 2103, 2146, 2177.

3. In cases where a candidate for membership shall have been elected, and the lodge, prior to his initiation, shall have become satisfied of his unworthiness, it may annul such election, and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, 2276, 2310, 2346.

4. A brother who shall have resigned his membership may be restored by re-initiation, when he cannot pass such an examination as will allow of his restoration as an ancient Odd-Fellow, 1845, 1895, 1952.

5. Persons claiming to be members of the Order who are unable to establish their claims satisfactorily, can only be admitted by re-initiation; and such persons are required to set forth in their petitions for membership the facts of their suspension or expulsion from any lodge, and that they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connexion with the Order, 1921, 1956.

6. Persons of advanced age, or such as are infirm, cannot be initiated on condition of their relinquishment of pecuniary benefits, 2493, 2521.

7. A foreigner temporarily residing in the United States cannot be initiated into the Order, 2461, 2482, 2504.

8. The time at which membership commences, whether from the night of the election of the applicant or from the night when he signs the constitution, is left to local legislation, 2103, 2146-7, 2177.

INITIATION, continued.

9. Refusal to pass a law to prevent persons of certain religious opinions from being initiated into the Order, 2249, 2250, 2266, 2327.

10. A brother who is a member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident in another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an encampment at his place of residence, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

11. A Noble Grand can deliver the Junior Past Grand's charge at an initiation in case there be no Past Grand present, but the Vice Grand cannot, 1845, 1895, 1952.

12. An ode may be sung by a lodge when ladies are introduced into the hall for initiation, 1933, 1962.

13. A proposition offered (and pending at the time this index was prepared) proposing an additional penalty upon lodges or encampments initiating persons from another State, by requiring them to pay all moneys received from the initiate as dues or fees to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the State from whence he came, 2532.

14. For other matter touching this subject, see MEMBERSHIP.

INQUIRIES. (283.)

1. Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments may submit for the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States any inquiry relating to the laws or usages of the Order, 2386.

2. Such inquiries will not be considered unless presented in the manner above prescribed, or unless they be involved in a case of appeal, 1953, 1954.

3. Inquiries upon almost any subject may be submitted to the Grand Sire by Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, or by Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Representatives, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and the decision of the Grand Sire upon any question thus submitted is binding upon the body or persons submitting it until the same be reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

INSTALLATION. (283.)

1. The elective officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are installed immediately after the reading of the Journal and of the annual reports, at the stated meetings next ensuing their election, and the appointed officers are installed at the same time, 2372, 2387.

2. If any elective officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States fails to appear for installation at the time provided, his office is declared vacant, and a new election takes place, 2373.

INSTALLATION, continued.

3. A ceremony reported by a special committee for the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2124, 2277.

4. A Grand Lodge may open in the scarlet degree for the installation of its officers, 1888, 1952.

5. It is the duty of the Grand Sire (or of a Grand Master or a Grand Patriarch) to install or cause to be installed the officers of their Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, 2379.

6. A public installation of officers by a Subordinate Lodge is not proper, as the ceremony must be performed in the initiatory degree, 2403, 2451, 2481, 2503.

7. A District Deputy Grand Sire, in absenting himself temporarily from his jurisdiction, has authority to appoint a qualified brother or brothers to install the officers of lodges and encampments during his necessary absence; but if the officers of any lodge or encampment should be regularly installed by any qualified brother who had not been thus appointed by the District Deputy Grand Sire, such installation would be valid, 1992, 2114, 2170, 2180.

8 Installations may be legally made by other persons than Deputy District Grand Sires, and no legal installation can be vitiated, 1992, 2114, 2170, 2180.

9. If a brother deputed to install officers should fail to attend, the ceremony, rather than be deferred, should be performed by a qualified member in attendance. If the brother deputed should present himself and his authority be disregarded by a lodge the proper remedy lies in arraigning the lodge for misconduct, 1992, 2114, 2170, 2180.

10. If a Noble Grand elect should fail to appear for installation and thereby forfeit his office, the member elected and installed in his place is the Noble Grand of the lodge, 2403-4, 2450, 2481, 2503.

11. When visiting for installation purposes a Grand Master is entitled to take the chair of the Noble Grand, but when otherwise visiting he is not entitled to that chair of right, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

12. The daughters of Rebekah having only an honorary connexion with the Order, cannot be admitted to witness an installation of officers, 1848, 1954, 1964, 2104, 2403, 2451, 2481, 2503.

13. A resolution offered, but not adopted, proposing to admit invited guests at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, 2125.

14. The installation ceremony directed to be inserted in the Encampment charge books, 2296, 2330, 2349.

INSTRUCTION. (284.)

IOWA. (285.)

1. The Grand Encampment of this State instituted at Muscatine on the 10th of June, 1852, it having been previously authorized by an act of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1836, 1926.

2. The charter of State Encampment, No. 3, reclaimed during the recess of 1851-2, on account of its having been forfeited by neglecting to forward proper returns to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1837.

3. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, with amendment, 1919, 1936, 1962.

4. Grand Representatives from Iowa to the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: Thomas Hardie, 1828; William D. McCord, 1832, 1982; William H. Tuthill, 1985, 2204; Joseph Bridgman, 1985, 2204; Amos Mathews, 2206, 2396; Thomas D. Evans, 2452; John Ufford, 2477.

JEWELS. (287.)—See REGALIA.

JOURNAL. (287.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States is required to keep and publish annually a Journal of its proceedings, 2374, 2376.

2. A Journal is also kept of its secret proceedings, for the private instruction of its members, 2374.

3. Proposals for printing the Journal are required to be invited by the Grand Secretary, by public advertisement, four weeks prior to each annual session, and the bids received are submitted for the decision of the Grand Lodge, 2385.

4. The Journal of each session is printed in pamphlet form, and distributed gratuitously by sending to each State Grand Lodge and Encampment twice as many copies as it has Subordinates working under its jurisdiction, the one half of which number is for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and the remaining half to be distributed one to each of its Subordinates; one copy is also sent to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and one to each member of the latter body, 2383.

5. Reports of the committee on printing relative to contracts for printing the Journal, 1922, 1957, 2130, 2174, 2270, 2460.

6. The Secret Journal, together with the Book of Diagrams, placed during the session in possession of the Deputy Grand Sire, that they might be examined by members, 1843, 2106, 2463.

7. A Grand Lodge may omit from its Journal such proceedings as are not proper to be recorded. 1916, 1956.

JOURNAL, continued.

8. A Grand Lodge may permit its Subordinates, working in a foreign language, to dispense with an American copy of their records; but whenever extracts from their minutes shall be required for the use of the Grand Lodge or its officers, the Grand Lodge may compel them to be furnished truly translated into the English language, 2106, 2113, 2121, 2131.

9. The proceedings of lodges, when open as degree lodges, whether for the purpose of voting on applications or for conferring degrees, must not be recorded in the same book with the regular proceedings, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

10. Refusal to repeal the law requiring the German Lodges to keep their minutes in the English language, 1895, 1915, 1954, 1955-6.

11. This law repealed at a subsequent session, 2106, 2113, 2121, 2131.

12. Refusal to require the Grand Secretary, in making up the printed Journal, to reverse the present mode of reference, 2276, 2313, 2346.

13. The Revised Journal authorized to be sold in quantities of five copies, or upwards, at five dollars per copy, 2492.

14. The price of the Index of the Revised Journal fixed at one dollar per copy, 2153.

15. A complete copy of the Revised Journal voted to such Grand Representatives as had not been previously supplied with a copy, 2106, 2254, 2462.

16. A complete copy of the Revised Journal voted to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment which had not previously been supplied with a copy, 2106.

17. A copy of the Journal presented to the Library of the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association of Philadelphia, 2107, 2221.

18. The Grand Secretary instructed to forward to Grand Representatives the third volume of the printed Journal, 1938.

19. The Journal of each day's proceedings ordered to be printed daily for the use of members, and some copies thereof to be put in wrappers for mailing, 1833, 1996, 2110 2217, 2449.

20. Three hundred additional copies of the daily Journal ordered to be printed, 2276.

21. Fifteen copies of the daily Journal ordered to be forwarded to each officer and member, or to such persons as they should direct, 2182.

JOURNAL, continued.

22. The Grand Messenger directed to transmit the Daily Journal per mail to Grand Representatives, 2464.

23. The fourth volume of the Journal and an Index therefor ordered to be prepared and printed, 2495, 2500, 2521, 2528.

24. Said volume to be sold at the same rate as the previous volumes, and one copy voted to each member, 2522.

JURISDICTION.

When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have been duly chartered in any State or Territory, all the lodges and encampments in such State or Territory which may have been working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States become subordinate to and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of the State or Territory in which they are located; and no lodge or encampment situated in one State or Territory can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge or Encampment of another State or Territory, 2381, 2382.

KENTUCKY. (290.)

1. Constitution of the Grand Lodge submitted and approved, as directed to be amended, 1843, 1900, 1953, 1957.

2. Refusal to grant a dispensation to the Grand Master of Kentucky to confer the Grand Lodge degree out of the Grand Lodge upon Past Grands who were entitled to receive it, 2124, 2134, 2176.

3. An unnecessary application by the Grand Encampment to be permitted to change its sessions from semi-annual to annual, 2126, 2168, 2179.

4. Appeals from this State, (see APPEALS,) viz: of McKee Lodge from the action of the Grand Lodge, 2291, 2341; of Loraine Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge, 2311, 2346.

5. Two other appeals were presented, but not considered on account of their not being accompanied with the information necessary to enable an intelligent decision, 2451, 2453, 2492, 2519.

6. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: I. D. Williamson, 1831, 1982; Richard Gillespie, 1831; William Mathews, 1832; Charles Wolford, 1984, 2204, 2398; James M. Moore, 1985; Milton J. Durham, 2206, 2396; J. W. Pruett, 2207, 2396.

LAWS.

The Grand Lodge of the United States will entertain no inquiry touching the laws or usages of the Order unless it be submitted by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or be connected with some legitimate case of appeal, (see INQUIRIES,) 1853-4, 2386.

LECTURES. (292.)

LIBEL. (293.)

LOCATION. (293.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States usually meets in the city of Baltimore, but it is in the power of the body to meet at any other place, 2376.

2. Grand Lodges are not restricted to the places of meeting designated in their charters, but may fix their own place of meeting by their constitutions and by-laws, and may change the place of meeting by amendments of their constitutions and by-laws, 1839, 1883, 1896, 1952.

LODGES.

See GRAND LODGES and SUBORDINATE LODGES; and for reference to such as have been chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States, see the name of the State or Territory in which they are located. For the manner of applying for charters, see CHARTER.

LOUISIANA. (294.)

1. Invitation from the Grand Lodge to attend the dedication of its new hall at New Orleans, which was accepted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1845-6.

2. Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment submitted and approved, 1901, 1953, 2247, 2269, 2328.

3. An amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge submitted and approved, 2460, 2480, 2503.

4. Five hundred dollars appropriated in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever in New Orleans, 2133, 2209.

5. Various inquiries as to law and usage presented from the Grand Lodge, 2460-1.

6. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge urging the necessity of adopting an appropriate funeral service to be used at the home of a deceased brother in cases where there are to be no other funeral services than those of the Order, 2461.

7. George W. Race, of this State, elected Deputy Grand Sire of the United States, 2257.

8. Appeal cases from this State, (see APPEALS,) viz: of P. G. Dunlap vs. the Grand Lodge, 1886, 1898, 1952; of P. G. Fabri vs. the Grand Lodge, 1845, 1915, 1956; of G. N. Seagrave vs. the Grand Lodge, 1845, 1916, 1917, 1956; of J. N. Marks vs. the Grand Lodge, 2103, 2117, 2170, 2172, 2296, 2353; of George W. Race vs. the Grand Lodge, 2103, 2118, 2170, 2172; of Washington Lodge vs. the Grand Lodge, 2268, 2328.

LOUISIANA, continued.

9. Grand Representatives from this State since 1851, viz: G. W. Shaw, 1828; John Crickard, 1831, 1982; George W. Race, 1832, 1984, 2204, 2398; J. G. Dunlap, 2114, 2121, 2204; Henry Bier, 2206; Henry G. Stetson, 2398.

LUNACY.

It is the duty of lodges to extend the same benefits to lunatic brothers as are given to those who suffer from bodily infirmity, 1993, 2137, 2177.

MAINE. (297.)

1. A communication from the Grand Lodge touching its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and proposing to discharge it by annual installments, which proposition was accepted, 1844, 1923, 1930.

2. A similar proposition received from the Grand Encampment, which was also agreed to, 1920, 2105, 2122-3.

3. A proceeding of the Grand Lodge presented, which was laid upon the table, instructing its representatives to use their endeavors to have the "old work" substituted for that now in use, 2333.

4. Representatives from the State since 1851, viz: Charles C. Harmon, 1831; Joseph Burton, 1832, 1982; William R. Smith, 1914, 1985; E. P. Banks, 2206; Nathaniel F. Deering, 2207, 2396; S. B. Straw, 2398.

MANCHESTER UNITY. (239.)

1. Sundry papers presented from Odd-Fellows in England proposing a union of the Order in England and America, and adverse action thereon, 1837, 1855-6, 1898, 1903-4, 1954.

2. A proposition for intercommunion with the Manchester Unity (or English Order of Odd-Fellows) declined, 2213.

MANUAL. (299.)

1. Report of a committee against the utility of condensing Cushing's Manual of parliamentary practice, 1833-4, 1889.

2. A copy of said manual directed to be supplied to Representatives while in the discharge of their legislative duties, 1835, 1996.

3. Refusal to adopt the manual of Joseph B. Burleigh, 2161, 2296, 2309, 2345.

MARYLAND. (299.)

1. An amended constitution of the Grand Lodge submitted and approved, 1835, 1887, 1952.

2. Further amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge submitted and approved, 2107, 2112, 2169, 2291, 2341.

MARYLAND, continued.

3. A communication submitted by the Grand Master from a convention of Past Grands, intended to redress some alleged local grievance, but which was not considered on account of the illegality of such an assemblage, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

4. Resolution of the Grand Lodge recommending to the Grand Lodge of the United States the passage of laws to govern cases of vacancies in the offices of Noble Grand and Vice Grand, which being referred to a committee, elicited a report proposing to make scarlet members eligible to said offices in certain cases, but it was not adopted, 2295, 2315, 2346-7.

5. A resolution of the Grand Lodge urging the necessity of enforcing the laws which prohibit the initiation of persons at any other place than where they reside, and which forbid the admission to membership of suspended members, 2472.

6. Thanks tendered to the Representatives of Maryland, and to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States residing in Baltimore, for the very liberal manner in which they entertained the Grand Lodge of the United States at the session of 1854. 2333.

7. Thanks voted to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the sumptuous and fraternal festival given to the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the session of 1855. 2494.

8. Appeal cases from this State, (see APPEALS,) viz: of Franklin Lodge vs. the Grand Lodge, 1848, 1935, 1962; of Elijah Hughes vs. the Grand Lodge. 2113, 2138, 2177; of Washington Lodge vs. the Grand Lodge, 2103, 2181, 2284, 2340; of John W. Colley vs. the Grand Lodge, 2452, 2468, 2501.

9. Brethren of this State who have been elected or appointed to office in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: James L. Ridgely, Grand Secretary, 1892, 1986, 2257; Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer, 1893, 1986, 2258; Solomon H. Lewyt, Grand Guardian, 1986, 2446; John E. Chamberlain, Grand Messenger, 1986, 2446.

10. Representatives from the State in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: Richard Marley, 1828, 1985, 2204, 2398; Joshua Vansant, 1828; James L. Ridgely, 1831; Benjamin F. Zimmerman, 1832, 1982; James Young, 1984, 2204; James C. Ninde, 2206, 2396; William Bayley, 2207, 2396; F. A. Ellis, 2398.

MASSACHUSETTS. (303.)

1. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge requested to be amended, 2479, 2480, 2503.

MASSACHUSETTS, continued.

2. Brethren of this State who have been elected or appointed to office in the Grand Lodge of the United States, since 1851, viz: William Ellison, Grand Sire, 2256; Newell A. Thompson appointed Deputy Grand Sire, pro tem., 2396.

3. Grand Representatives from this State since 1851, viz: William Ellison, 1828, 1985, 2108, 2204; Joseph L. Drew, 1831, 1982; William H. Jones, 1831; John R. Mullen, 1832, 1982; Timothy Ingraham, 1984; William A. Bell, 2206, 2396; N. A. Thompson, 2207, 2399; Robert C. Brown, 2207; William E. Parmenter, 2452; Joseph Byron, 2452.

MEDALS.—See COMPLIMENTARY.

MEMBERSHIP. (306.)

1. Membership in a Subordinate Lodge (which, upon due application, is obtained by initiation) is necessary to membership in any other branch of the Order, 1907, 1915, 1954, 2258, 2266, 2327.

2. Scarlet members of Subordinate Lodges are eligible for membership in Subordinate Encampments, and membership in Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments is acquired by reason of official service in the respective subordinate bodies; all of which is more fully explained in the Index of 1852.

3. Membership in the Grand Lodge of the United States can only be acquired by election or appointment to office therein, or by being elected or appointed to represent a State jurisdiction, 2372, 2375.

4. No person can be admitted to membership in any lodge unless he be a free white male, of good moral character, who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believes in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the universe, 2377.

5. Persons of advanced age, or such as are afflicted with constitutional infirmities, cannot be admitted to membership on condition of their relinquishment of pecuniary benefits, as two distinct classes of members, beneficial and non-beneficial, would be incompatible with the theory and fundamental principles of the Order, 2493, 2500, 2521.

6. No brother can hold membership in two Subordinate Lodges at the same time; neither can he hold membership at the same time in two Grand Lodges; and the same principle applies to Grand and Subordinate Encampments, 2381.

7. The members of the Order from each State, District, or Territory are entitled to admission into the lodges or encampments of every other State, District, or Territory, upon presenting themselves according to the regular forms and the production of a proper card, 2377.

MEMBERSHIP, continned.

8. Membership ceases upon the granting of a withdrawal card, and may be resumed on the deposite of such card, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

9. No change of membership from one to another Subordinate Lodge can take place without the usual deposite of an authenticated clearance card, 2496, 2520.

10. A member who is suspended or expelled from a lodge or encampment in any State, District, or Territory, cannot be admitted to membership in a lodge or encampment in another State, District, or Territory, without the previously obtained consent of the lodge or encampment from which he is suspended or expelled, 2377.

11. In the absence of an authenticated clearance card, no lodge can admit to membership a brother who has been suspended by nother lodge for non-payment of dues, 2495, 2496, 2520.

12. The card of a brother who has withdrawn from his lodge and remained out of the Order for a period of twelve months is invalid for the purpose of visiting, but remains effective as evidence of previous good standing in the Order when application is made for a renewal of membership, 1921, 1956.

13. A brother holding a withdrawal card which has run out of date may be recognised as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and be allowed to renew his membership by the deposite of said card, in a lodge at the place of his residence, upon the payment of such fee as the laws of said lodge may require, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

14. Any person who, being at the time in good standing, shall have withdrawn from the Order by a written resignation, may be re-admitted as an ancient Odd-Fellow, provided he first pass a satisfactory examination in the work; and if he fail to pass a thorough examination, then he can only be re-admitted by initiation, 1992, 2115, 2170.

15. A person who has lost his connexion with the Order by disuse of his privilege can obtain reinstatement only by application to the lodge with which he was formerly connected, which lodge has the power to make such arrangement in regard to the accumulated arrears as will enable such reinstatement, 1885, 1948.

16. Persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be re-admitted by initiation; setting forth in their petition for membership that they have never been suspended or expelled from any lodge, and that they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connexion with the Order 1921, 1956.

MEMBERSHIP, continued.

17. If a person should be illegally elected a member through error or fraud, (as to his health or otherwise,) a majority of the lodge can, previously to his initiation, order a new ballot; but if the fraud be not discovered until after initiation, then the party must be regarded as a member, and can only be expelled upon regular trial, 2103, 2146, 2177.

18. If, subsequently to the election of a candidate and prior to his initiation, the lodge shall become satisfied that he is unworthy, it may annul such election by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, 2276, 2310, 2346.

19. It is improper for a lodge to make a personal examination into the condition of an applicant's health in the ante-room, after such person has been legally elected, and when, in pursuance of a notice from a lodge, he presents himself for initiation, 2104, 2147, 2177.

20. An applicant for membership by card must be properly examined as to his knowledge of the travelling password, (although it is not necessary that he should be in possession of it,) and as to the degrees he claims to have received, 2104, 2147, 2177.

21. It is proper for the local jurisdictions to decide whether a person elected to membership, either by card or on an original application for initiation, becomes a member of a lodge at the date of his election or at the date of his signing the constitution and by-laws, 2103, 2146-7, 2177.

22. It is also proper for the local jurisdictions to prescribe ceremonies for introducing brothers who have been elected to membership on cards, 2103, 2146-7, 2177.

23. The local jurisdictions, each for itself, are clothed with the power of determining what length of time shall intervene in case of the rejection of the holder of a card who applies for membership before such applicant may again offer himself for membership, 2162, 2171, 2180.

24. If a brother who has deposited his withdrawal card with a Grand Lodge or its Grand Officers as a petitioner for a new lodge shall be absent at the time of the institution of such lodge, he cannot be deemed a member thereof, but must recover his card and gain admission upon it in the usual mode, 2250, 2265-6, 2327.

25. The expiration of a definite term of suspension restores a suspended brother to membership without a vote of his lodge, 2162, 2171, 2180.

MEMBERSHIP, continued.

26. If a brother be suspended for a specified time, whether for non-payment of dues or any other cause, such suspended brother cannot be restored to membership until the specified time of suspension shall have fully expired, unless by action of a Grand Lodge, 2162, 2171, 2180.

27. Residence is an elementary qualification for membership in the Order, and, as an individual can have only one legal residence, he cannot be initiated at any place of which he is merely a temporary resident, 2461, 2482, 2504.

28. No citizen of one State, District, or Territory wherein lodges or encampments are established, can be admitted to membership in a lodge or encampment of another State, District, or Territory without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the State, District, or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident, 2377.

29. Where an applicant for membership is a citizen or subject of a foreign Power, and only a *temporary* resident within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, he cannot be initiated into the Order, 2461, 2482, 2504.

30. The Chinese residents of California who believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and the preserver of the Universe, may be admitted to the Order, and be permitted to work in lodges of their own in the Chinese language, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

31. The laws of the various States and Municipalities, in consequence of the diversity of their provisions, are not, as a general rule, a proper guide in determining the question of residence of applicants for membership, but lodges must be governed in this respect by such considerations as would prevail in ordinary business or social relations, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

32. A Representative elected to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the constitutional term of two years, and who has been duly admitted to a seat and served the first session of his term, is *ipso jure* a member at the ensuing annual session, unless the Grand Lodge of the United States shall have been informed that he has incurred disqualification, 1983.

33. Where the fundamental regulation does not otherwise provide, every representative body must judge for itself of the qualification of its members, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

34. The certificate by which a Past Grand procures admission to a Grand Lodge is merely *prima facie* evidence of the qualifications of the brother in whose favor it is issued; and if, after a Past Grand has been admitted and taken his seat, it be ascer-

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tained that the facts asserted in the certificate are incorrectly stated, the certificate may be set aside and the seat founded thereon may be vacated, 2461, 2482, 2504.

35. It is not compatible with law to make the encampment degrees a qualification either for membership or for office in a Grand Lodge, as such a body cannot judicially know any thing of any other degrees than those which belong to its own jurisdiction, and cannot legislate or apply tests in regard to any other degrees, 1843, 1922, 1957, 2480, 2503.

36. Refusal to enact laws allowing brothers to remain members of the Patriarchal Order without continuing to be members of Subordinate Lodges, 1907, 1915, 1954, 2258, 2266, 2327.

37. See BENEFITS, CARDS, DEPOSITE, DUES, INITIATION, PENALTIES, &c.

MERGEMENT.

1. Proposition to merge the Encampment degrees into the work of the Subordinate Lodges, which elicited majority and minority reports, and was then indefinitely postponed, 2105, 2143, 2179.

2. The proposition renewed and its expediency urged in two reports, neither of which was adopted, 2275. 2280, 2329, 2455, 2532.

3. Expressions of opinion from North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Delaware, and California, in favor of the measure, 2254, 2255, 2275, 2276, 2280. 2329, 2463.

4. Expressions of opinion presented from Southern New York and Pennsylvania against the measure, 2453, 2459.

5. Proposed constitutional amendments having said object in view, but none of which were adopted, 1913, 1925, 2166, 2351, 2501, 2509.

MICHIGAN. (309.)

Grand Representatives from this State since 1851, viz: Asher S. Kellogg, 1828, 1982, 1985, 2204; John Chester, 1831; Witter J. Baxter, 1832; Consider A. Stacy, 1985, 2398; Joseph E. Hyde, 1985, 2204; Samuel H. Griffin, 2398; W. Huntington Smith, 2398.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM. (311.)

1. The compensation of Officers and Representatives reduced in 1855 to two dollars per day whilst in attendance at the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and four cents for each mile travelled in going to and returning from the place of meeting, 2491, 2502.

2. No per diem is allowed for Sunday when the session does not hold over from one week to another, 2301.

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3. No compensation is allowed to a special committee sitting in the recess without instructions so to do, 2494, 2531.

4. In cases of contested claims to seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States mileage and per diem are allowed only to the brothers who are admitted to seats, 2166.

5. Mileage and per diem allowed to contestants in two cases prior to the adoption of the above law, 2113, 2161, 2174.

6. Correction of an error made in 1853 in estimating the mileage of a Representative from California, 2331, 2340, 2349.

7. Reports of committees on mileage and per diem, 1949, 2108, 2113, 2174, 2184-5, 2340, 2347, 2334, 2450, 2523.

8. Adoption of the said reports, 1952, 2108, 2113, 2174, 2184, 2349, 2347, 2450, 2523.

9. Appropriations for the payment of mileage and per diem, 1929, 2156, 2184, 2323, 2347, 2513.

10. Statements in detail of the mileage and per diem paid to Officers and Representatives, 1950-1, 2108, 2335, 2348, 2186-7, 2524.

MINNESOTA. (311.)

1. Petition of the Subordinate Lodges for a Grand Lodge, and the Grand Sire authorized to issue a dispensation therefor when the law of the case should be complied with, (some of the necessary papers having been lost,) 1848, 1926-7, 1957.

2. Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, located at St. Paul, authorized during the recess of 1851-2, and charter confirmed, 1836, 1894, 1952.

3. The Grand Lodge duly chartered and instituted at St. Paul on the 5th of May, 1853, and the charter confirmed, 1987, 2006, 2107, 2119.

4. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, 2296, 2312, 2346.

5. An amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, as ordered to be amended, 2487, 2508.

6. The dues accruing to the Grand Lodge of the United States from the Subordinate Lodges of the Territory, subsequently to the institution of the Grand Lodge, directed to be credited to the Grand Lodge of the Territory, 2107 2182.

7. Grand Representatives from this State, viz: Benjamin W. Brunson, 2108; Daniel Rohrer, 2452.

MISSISSIPPI. (312.)

1. At the instance of the Grand Lodge the degree of Rebekah was authorized to be conferred on the widow of a scarlet member who had died after adoption of the degree and before it had been distributed, 1844, 1934, 1962.

2. A new charter authorized to be furnished to Woodville Encampment, No. 4, in lieu of one granted in 1845, which had never been received, 1937.

3. Inquiries from the Grand Lodge as to the power of the Grand Master of one jurisdiction to confer the past official degrees upon a qualified brother of another jurisdiction, and action thereon, (see DEGREES,) 2254, 2267, 2297, 2308, 2345.

4. Instructions from the Grand Lodge to its Representatives in favor of merging the Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges, and adverse report thereon, 2254, 2280, 2329.

5. Grand Representatives of the State since 1851, viz: William Crutcher, 1828; Theodore Vennigerholz, 1828, 1985; Augustus M. Foute, 1831, 2207, 2399; N. G. Bryson, 1984; J. K. Connelly, 2206, 2396; William A. Strong, 2398.

MISSOURI. (314.)

1. An amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, 2473, 2487, 2507-8.

2. Grand Representatives from the State since 1851, viz: W. H. Remington, 1828, 2399; John Libby, 1832; Clarke H. Green, 1832; Isaac M. Veitch, 1984, 2204; Samuel H. Bailey, 1984, 2206; E. H. Woodward, 1985, 2204; James Carr, 2398; John How, 2472.

NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, located at Nebraska city, authorized during the recess of 1854-5, and charter confirmed, 2400, 2424, 2479, 2503.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. (315.)

1. An amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented, but the copy not being properly authenticated, it was not considered or approved, 1888, 1936, 1962.

2. Grand Representatives from the State since 1851, viz: Timothy G. Senter, 1828, 1985, 2204, 2399; Stephen H. Simes, 1828; John C. Lyford, 1831, 1982; Henry Steele, 1985, 2204; Chas. A. Tufts, 2206, 2396; George C. Williams, 2398.

NEW JERSEY. (317.)

1. An amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, 1846, 1900, 1953; further amendments presented and approved, 2301, 2333, 2349.

NEW JERSEY, continued.

2. James M. Cassady, of this State, appointed and installed Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1986.

3. Grand Representatives since the year 1851, viz: James M. Cassady, 1827; Francis D. Mulford, 1831, 1982, 2207; Joseph N. Taylor, 1827, 1984, 2204; William Gilchrist, 1985; Isaac W. Mickle, 2206, 2396; Isaac M. Tucker, 2398; G. W. Cassidy, 2477.

NEW MEXICO. (316.)

1. Paradise Lodge, No. 2, located at Santa Fe, authorized during the recess of 1851-2, and charter confirmed, 1836, 1894, 1952.

2. The constitution and by-laws of Paradise Lodge approved, as directed to be amended, 1901, 1953.

3. The constitution and by-laws of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, approved as directed to be amended, 1901-2, 1953.

4. Amended by-laws of Montezuma Lodge presented and approved, 2480-1, 2503.

5. Bugle Lodge, No. 3, located at Fort Union, authorized in March, 1853, and charter confirmed, 1988, 2006, 2120.

6. The reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary show that this Lodge was composed of officers and soldiers of the United States Army, 1988, 2005, 2137, 2177.

7. The constitution and by-laws of Bugle Lodge approved as directed to be amended, 2131, 2174.

8. Petition to make this a moveable lodge, which could not be acceded to consistently with the laws of the Order, 2121, 2137, 2177.

9. Surrender of the charter of Bugle Lodge, cards granted to the twenty-eight members who composed it, and the money remaining in the treasury ordered to be distributed among them, 2226, 2312, 2346.

10. Application for a Subordinate Encampment to be located at Santa Fe, which was not granted, 1837.

11. Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, located at Santa Fe, authorized in March, 1853, and charter confirmed, 1988, 2006, 2120.

12. The constitution and by-laws of Ridgely Encampment approved as directed to be amended, 2133, 2174, 2269-70, 2328.

13. Wahatoya Encampment, No. 2, located at Fort Union, authorized in the recess of 1853-4, charter confirmed, and constitution approved, 2292, 2295, 2341, 2343.

14. This encampment, composed of soldiers, was never instituted, for reasons assigned by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, 2402-3, 2423.

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15. Two communications received from Paradise Lodge, acknowledging its inadvertent violation of law in two instances, on which communications there was no action, 2293, 2341.

16. Montezuma Lodge and Paradise Lodge ask to be placed under the supervision of some tribunal with which they could more easily communicate than with the Grand Lodge of the United States, which request could not be granted, 2479, 2503.

17. The condition of the Order in the Territory unfavorably referred to in the Grand Sire's Report, 2401.

18. An informal appeal from James E. Sabine, (see APPEALS,) which was not considered, 2119, 2173.

NEW YORK.

The State of New York is divided into two jurisdictions, each of which has one Grand Lodge and one Grand Encampment, 2371.

NEW YORK, SOUTHERN. (326.)

1. The Grand Lodge proposes a restoration of the three months' term of official service in Subordinate Lodges, but the proposition did not receive favorable consideration, 2103, 2149, 2176.

2. The Grand Lodge invited the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its annual session of 1854 at the city of New York, (which was not done,) 2104-5.

3. An amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, with amendment, 2451, 2493, 2519.

4. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge presented in favor of repealing the law requiring reports of the funds in the treasuries of lodges, &c., 2459.

5. Appeal of Thomas Lawrence and others from a decision of the Grand Lodge, (see APPEALS,) and the latter body sustained, 2451, 2467, 2501.

6. James W. Hale, of this jurisdiction, appointed and installed Grand Marshal, 2446, 2477.

7. Grand Representatives from this State since 1851, viz: James W. Hale, 1828, 1984, 2204; Wilson Small, 1828; Andre Froment, 1831, 1982, 2207, 2396; John A. Kennedy, 1832, 1982, 2399; Napoleon B. Mountfort, 1985, 2204; John G. Clayton, 2398.

NEW YORK, NORTHERN. (327.)

1. Inquiries from the Grand Lodge, and proceedings thereon, as to the right of Subordinate Lodges to decline admitting visiting brothers, and whether brothers removing to a hazardous clime are entitled to sick dues, 1844, 1845, 1885, 1886, 1948.

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2. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge presented (and laid on the table) relative to visiting cards, the three months' term, &c., 2261.

3. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge presented in favor of representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States according to a fixed ratio of members, and also in favor of permitting suspended members to be admitted to lodges in California, 2452

4. A proposition from the Grand Encampment, which was not concurred in, proposing to add to the qualifications of members of Grand Lodges by requiring them to be in possession of the encampment degrees, 1843, 1922, 1957.

5. A proposition from the Grand Encampment (not agreed to) favoring the passage of a law permitting members of the scarlet degree to retain membership in encampments after withdrawing from their Subordinate Lodges, 2258, 2266, 2327.

6. Proceedings of the Grand Encampment presented touching the suspension of Patriarchs; in favor of a change of apportionment in the Grand Lodge of the United States; opposing the mergement of the encampment degrees into the degrees of Subordinate Lodges, and favoring a resolution in relation to independent membership in Subordinate Encampments. 2453.

7. Appeal of Teoronto Lodge from the action of the Grand Lodge presented, and the decision of the latter affirmed, 2453, 2484, 2504.

8. Grand Representatives from this jurisdiction since 1851, viz: Edgar C. Dibble, 1828; Rowland F. Russell, 1828; James P. Sanders, 1831, 1982; Daniel P. Barnard, 1832, 1982; William Hopkins, 1985, 2204; Addison M. Smith, 1985, 2204; John L. Lewis, 2250, 2396; Edward Whalin, 2262, 2396; Dexter Gilmore, 2398; A. W. Bruce, 2398.

NOBLE GRAND.—See OFFICERS.

NOMINATIONS. (329.)

1. In the Grand Lodge of the United States nominations for elective officers are made previous to balloting, on the second day of the annual session, at which officers are to be chosen, and the nominations for each office must be immediately succeeded by an election to such office before nominations are received for the next office, 2377.

2. Every member is required to accept nominations unless excused by a vote, 2389.

NORTH CAROLINA. (329.)

1. Resolutions presented from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment touching the abolition of encampments as a separate branch of the Order, and proceedings on that subject, 2105, 2148, 2179, 2255, 2280-4, 2329, 2455, 2532.

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2. Grand Representatives from this State since 1851, viz: Johnston B. Newby, 1831; W. L. Steele, 1831, 1982, 2206, 2396; Thomas H. Hardenburgh, 1832; E. W. Jones, 2206; John N. Washington, 2207, 2399; A. P. Repiton, 2472.

NOVA SCOTIA.—See BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

OATHS. (331.)

OBITUARY. (331.)

Death of members announced, viz: Rep. John Chester, of Michigan, 1994, 2168; Rep. William Mathews, of Kentucky, 1994, 2107; P. Rep. David C. Churchill, of Ohio, 2106; P. Rep. Mark P. Taylor, of Ohio, 2106; P. Rep. Richard C. Williams, of Ohio, 2106; P. Rep. Walter French, of New Hampshire, 2124; Rep. Edmund P. Hunter, of Virginia, 2344.

ODD-FELLOWSHIP. (331.)

1. The annual reports of the Grand Secretary always contain interesting views of the progress and condition of the Order, 1849, 1996, 2217, 2405, 2414.

2. The following exhibit of the membership and revenue, in the several years mentioned, is obtained from the tables attached to the reports of that assiduous officer:

| | Work of the Lodges. | | | | Work of Encampments. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date. | No. of Lodges. | Contributing Members. | Revenue. | Relief granted. | No. of Encampments. | Contributing Members. | Revenue. | Relief granted. |
| 1852 | 2729 | 193,298 | $1,164,331 | $614,721 | 508 | 21,469 | $92,823 | $36,669 |
| 1853 | 2941 | 193,030 | 1,209,228 | 491,322 | 541 | 21,026 | 96,617 | 30,926 |
| 1854 | 3129 | 199,197 | 1,334,935 | 498,526 | 613 | 23,062 | 118,553 | 37,503 |
| 1855 | 3313 | 200,600 | 1,147,133 | 545,414 | 630 | 23,080 | 96,607 | 39,161 |

ODES. (331.)

1. A lodge may, at its option, sing an ode at the time that ladies are introduced into the hall to receive the degree of Rebekah, 1933, 1962.

2. A proposition offered, but not agreed to, to prepare an ode suitable to funeral occasions, 2153, 2276

3. Refusal to revise the Odes, 2464, 2474, 2486, 2507.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES. (332.)

1. The elective officers are the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, 2372.

2. The appointed officers are the Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, Right Worthy Grand Marshal, Right Worthy Grand Guardian, and Right Worthy Grand Messenger, 2372.

3. The Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer are elected biennially at the stated session in September, 2372.

4. The elections take place by ballot on the second day of the session. The officers are nominated and elected separately, beginning with the Grand Sire and going regularly down. During a ballot no motion can be entertained or debate or explanation permitted. A majority of all the votes polled is necessary to a choice, 2372, 2376, 2377, 2388.

5. To qualify a brother for any office in the Grand Lodge of the United States he must have received the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees, and be a member in good standing of both a Subordinate Lodge and a Subordinate Encampment, 2377.

6. The officers elect are required to be installed and enter upon their duties on the first day of the session next ensuing their election, 2372.

7. If any officer elect should fail to appear at the time designated, his office is declared vacant, and the Grand Lodge proceeds to a new election to fill the vacancy, and the officer so elected is forthwith installed, 2372, 2373.

8. The appointed officers are nominated by the Grand Sire at the time of his installation, and, if their nomination be approved by the Grand Lodge, they continue in office during the term of the Grand Sire appointing them unless removed by him for cause, 2372.

9. All officers are required to attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order. All officers under the presiding officer are required to obey the directions of that officer, 2373.

10. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Messenger receive for their services annual salaries of such amounts as may be from time to time prescribed, 2374, 2375, 2377.

11. The other Grand Officers receive the same compensation as Grand Representatives, which is fixed from time to time by the Grand Lodge, and is now regulated at two dollars per day whilst in

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attendance upon the Lodge and four cents for every mile travelled in going to and returning from the place of meeting, 2377, 2491, 2502.

12. No officer, who is not also a representative, is permitted to vote, expect the Grand Sire in case of equal division, nor is any such officer permitted to address the Grand Lodge unless upon leave first obtained, 2373.

13. Any officer may, with the assent of a majority, be impeached and tried by the Grand Lodge, and if convicted may be expelled by by a two-thirds vote, provided the charges shall have been furnished to the accused at least three days before the trial, 2376.

14. No officer on trial can exercise his office, but may be heard in his own defence, 2376.

15. Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to which an officer belongs will operate as a suspension or expulsion from office and membership in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2376.

16. In case of the removal from office of the Grand Sire, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the duties of his office, the said duties devolve on the Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term; and in case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability both of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the duties of Grand Sire devolve upon the junior Past Grand Sire until the next ensuing session, when officers are required to be elected and installed to fill the vacancies, 2373, 2374.

17. A ceremony for installing the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States prepared and reported in secret session, 2124, 2277.

18. The names of brothers elected or appointed to office are given under the title of the office.

19. For reference to appropriations for the payment of the expenses and salaries of officers, see FINANCE.

OFFICERS.—GRAND SIRE. (335.)

1. The Grand Sire is required to preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States; to preserve order therein and enforce the laws thereof; to nominate the appointed officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States; to appoint all committees of the body, unless otherwise specially ordered; to give the casting vote whenever the Grand Lodge is equally divided; to sign all orders on the Treasurer authorized by a vote of the Grand Lodge; and to decide all questions of order in the Grand Lodge, subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2389.

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2. He is required to exercise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a general superintendence over the interests of the Order, giving advice and instruction, when called on, to all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and to the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon all subjects connected with the Order, its laws, usages, and customs, 2373.

3. He is empowered to hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, or by Subordinate Lodges or Subordinate Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States; also, to hear and decide such questions other than questions arising out of their constitutions, as may be submitted either by Grand Bodies, Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Representatives, or by Subordinate bodies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States—his decision in each case so submitted to be binding upon the body or persons submitting it until the same be reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

4. It is his duty to reclaim the charters of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States which fail to make returns for four successive quarters, 2385.

5. He is empowered to receive petitions and grant warrants for the opening of new lodges and encampments, Grand or Subordinate, in places where Grand Bodies do not exist, and all warrants so granted are of force until recalled by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

6. He is required to open or cause to be opened every lodge or encampment, whether Grand or Subordinate, that receives a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to visit the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments so chartered at least once a year, either personally or by deputy, 2379, 2380.

7. All travelling and other expenses, incurred by himself or his deputy, at the opening of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, are to be paid by such lodge or encampment, 2380.

8. He is required to appoint all District Deputy Grand Sires, and is empowered to call special meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373, 2376.

9. He is required at the opening of every annual session to obtain from the Grand Secretary an exhibit of the indebtedness of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and place the same in possession of the committee on credentials, to enable them to report in conformity with the law which denies the right of voting to Representatives from bodies which are in arrears for money due the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2530.

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10. He is required at every annual session to make a report of his acts and doings in his office, 2373.

11. He is not allowed to vote, except when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, 2373.

12. He cannot hold any elective office in any State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, 2373.

13. Specially authorized, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, to adjust the outstanding debts of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1930, 1959, 1998, 2157.

14. Authorized, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, to have the work of the Order translated into the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1931, 1960, 1998.

15. Requested to appoint an efficient Deputy Grand Sire to attend to the interests of the Order in California, 1942, 1963.

16. Requested to remit to the General Relief Committee of New Orleans the sum of five hundred dollars, appropriated in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever in that city, 2133, 2207.

17. Requested to visit the jurisdiction of British North America, 2143, 2177, 2210, 2265, 2327.

18. Invited to take part in the discussion of proposed amendments to the Constitution, 2296.

19. Authorized to call the annual session of 1856 at such place as he might deem proper, if Baltimore should at that time be afflicted with any epidemic, 2528.

20. Annual reports of the Grand Sire, 1836, 1986, 2208, 2399.

21. Decisions of the Grand Sire relative to the laws of the Order, &c., confirmed, 1839, 1842, 1883, 1992, 2102, 2111, 2264, 2327, 2403, 2481, 2503.

22. For questions of order decided by the Grand Sire, see ORDER.

23. William W. Moore, of the District of Columbia, present as Grand Sire, 1827, 1981; his annual reports, 1836, 1986; his decisions and action thereon, 1839, 1842, 1883, 1952, 1992, 2102, 2111; receives a vote of thanks for the industry and ability with which he discharged the duties of Grand Sire, 2102; his portrait procured, 2108, 2209.

24. Wilmot G. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, nominated and elected Grand Sire, 1889, 1891; installed into office, 1986; his inaugural address, 1995; his annual reports, 2208, 2399; authorized to visit British North America, 2265, 2327; thanks of the Grand Lodge voted him for the able manner in which

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he discharged his official duties, 2449; his portrait ordered to be procured, 2449; his likeness directed to be prepared for the fourth volume of the Journal, 2528.

25. William Ellison, of Massachusetts, nominated for Grand Sire, 1889, 2255; elected Grand Sire, 2256; appointed to visit the British Provinces and report of his mission, 2401, 2412; said report approved, 2481, 2504; installed as Grand Sire and his inaugural address, 2445; his likeness ordered to be procured for the fourth volume of the Journal, 2528.

OFFICERS.—DEPUTY GRAND SIRE. (337.)

1. The Deputy Grand Sire is required to open and close all the sessions of the Grand Lodge; to examine the Representatives as to their qualifications before they take their seats, and make report to the Grand Sire; to support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and in his absence to preside; and in case of the removal, death, disqualification, or refusal to serve of the Grand Sire, to perform the duties of that officer until the next stated meeting, 2374, 2383, 2387.

2. Specially authorized to take charge of the book of diagrams and Secret Journal during the session of the Grand Lodge, 1843, 2106, 2463.

3. Herman L. Page, of Wisconsin, present as Deputy Grand Sire, 1827, 1981; nominated for Grand Sire and withdrawal of his name, 1889.

4. Horace A. Manchester, of Rhode Island, nominated and elected Deputy Grand Sire, 1891, 1892; installed into office, 1986; again present as Deputy Grand Sire, 2203; nominated for Grand Sire, 2255.

5. George W. Race, of Louisiana, nominated and elected Deputy Grand Sire, 2259; installed into office, 2445; and was at the same time performing the duties of one of the Representatives from Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to his name under the title of GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

OFFICERS.—GRAND SECRETARY. (338.)

1. The Grand Secretary is required to make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; to keep the Journal of all secret sessions, the evidences of the unwritten work and such alterations as may from time to time be made therein, and all other records pertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; to keep the accounts of the Grand Lodge of the United States with the bodies under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports, and commu-

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nications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence; and to lay before the Grand Lodge all official communications transmitted or received by him, 2374.

2. He is required to receive the returns of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States; to receive all moneys for the Grand Lodge, make a record thereof, and forthwith pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer; to summon the members to attend all special meetings; to furnish each Grand Representative, when he takes his seat, with a copy of the Constitution, Laws, and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and to distribute, as soon as possible after the close of each annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Printed Journal of its Proceedings—one copy of which is sent to each member of the Grand Lodge of the United States; one copy to each Subordinate Lodge and each Subordinate Encampment immediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment twice as many copies as it has Subordinates under its jurisdiction, the one-half of them to be for its own use, and the other half to be distributed by each amongst its Subordinates, 2374, 2379, 2381, 2383.

3. He is required to furnish the Grand Sire, at the opening of each annual session, with an exhibit of all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments that may be in arrears for money due the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2530.

4. Specially instructed to cause the Journal to be printed daily and placed on the desks of members, 1833, 1996, 2217.

5. To furnish copies of the Grand Lodge diploma to Representatives, 1835, 2106, 2254, 2462.

6. To report such State Grand Bodies as had not discharged their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1835.

7. To invite proposals for printing the revised Journal of 1852, and not to make payment for the printing thereof until completed and delivered, 1922, 1957.

8. To settle a claim for arrears owing by the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1923, 1930.

9. To procure a new seal and press for the use of his office, 1930, 1959, 1998.

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10. To adjust certain outstanding debts, 1930, 1959, 1998, 2157, 2311, 2346.

11. To have the work of the Order translated into the Franch, Spanish, and German languages, and distributed, 1931, 1960, 1966, 1998, 2178.

12. To enter as blanks in preparing the printed Journal all votes that had been cast for persons not in nomination, 1938.

13. To forward to the respective jurisdictions the third volume of the Revised Journal, 1938.

14. To have the desks and chairs of members forwarded in 1853 to Philadelphia, 1965.

15. To have the opening and closing form of ceremony adopted for Degree Lodges printed and distributed, 1966.

16. To furnish Representatives and Grand Bodies with one copy of the Revised Journal of Proceedings, 2106.

17. To send to Baltimore for diplomas to be furnished to members of the session held at Philadelphia, 2131.

18. To collate and preserve the vital statistics of the Order, and report them at each annual session, 2164.

19. To furnish Grand Bodies with blank forms for preparing statistical reports, 2164.

20. To furnish members with the proceedings of the session of 1853 as soon as printed, 2167.

21. To include in the degree books the form adopted in 1852 for opening and closing Degree Lodges, 2168.

22. To prepare for publication in connexion with the Journal of each session, lists of members, specifying the post office of each, 2176.

23. To have printed upon visiting cards the blank form of certificate relative to benefits, 2250, 2251, 2267, 2327.

24. To furnish members with the Revised Journal and Digest of the Laws, 2254, 2462.

25. To have three hundred additional copies of the daily Journal printed, 2276.

26. To file all papers presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2506.

27. To arrange in parallel columns, in his tabular statement of receipts, the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, 2520.

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28. To furnish members with one copy of the fourth volume of the Revised Journal, 2522, 2529.

29. To draw on the Treasurer for such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses of preparing the Index and publishing the fourth volume of the Journal, and to procure therefor steel-plate engravings of P. G. Sire DeSaussure and Grand Sire Ellison, 2528.

30. To place in the hands of the Grand Sire at the beginning of every session an exhibit of the indebtedness of such Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments as may have failed to pay any portion of their dues, 2530.

31. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, present as Grand Secretary, 1827, 1981; re-elected to said office, 1892; re-installed, 1986; again re-elected, 2257; re-installed, 2445; appointed to visit the Order in the British American Provinces and report of his mission, 2401, 2405; approval of the manner in which he performed the duties of the mission, 2481, 2504; his annual reports, 1849, 1996, 2217, 2414; his annual statements of moneys received, 1863, 1875, 2007, 2017, 2227, 2239, 2425.

OFFICERS.—GRAND TREASURER. (344.)

1. The Grand Treasurer is required to keep the moneys and all evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, &c. of the Grand Lodge; to pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge; to lay before the Grand Lodge, at its annual session, a full and correct statement of his accounts, and to furnish in advance a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary, to accompany the annual report of the last named officer, 2374.

2. He receives for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge from time to time determines, and before his installation he is required to execute a bond for the faithful performance of his trust, 1847, 1929, 1930, 1958-9, 2374.

3. Andrew E. Warner, of Maryland, present as Grand Treasurer, 1827; nomination for re-election, 1892; his failure, through inadvertance, to comply with a law requiring the investment of the surplus funds in six per cent. United States stocks, 1893; again present as Grand Treasurer, 1981; his annual reports, 1871, 2014; his accounts found to have been correctly kept, were satisfactorily closed, and the moneys remaining in his hands promptly paid to his successor in office, 2156.

4. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, nominated and elected Grand Treasurer, 1892-3; installed into office, 1986; again present as Grand Treasurer, 2203; re-elected, 2258; re-installed, 2445; his annual reports, 2235, 2442, 2463.

OFFICERS.—GRAND TREASURER, continued.

5. Special directions to Grand Treasurer, viz: To invest the surplus in the treasury in securities bearing an interest of six per cent., 1929, 1991, 2156; to pay certain orders, 1929, 1965; to give bond prior to installation, 1929-30, 1958-9; to sell certain stocks, 2278, 2295.

OFFICERS.—GRAND CHAPLAIN. (344.)

1. The Grand Chaplain is required, at the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge, to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer, and perform such other duties in the line of his office as may be required, 2374, 2387.

2. Rev. Junius M. Willey, of Connecticut, present as Grand Chaplain, 1827, 1981; requested to deliver a discourse in 1853, before the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the afternoon of the Sabbath preceding the annual session of that year, 1953; re-appointed Grand Chaplain, 1986; absent on account of domestic affliction, 2205; again present, 2335; twice nominated for Grand Sire, 1889, 2255.

3. Rev. J. A. Massey, representative of Alabama, appointed Grand Chaplain, pro tem., 2205.

4. Rev. Reuben Jones, of Arkansas, appointed Grand Chaplain, but not in attendance, 2446.

5. Rev. A. W. Bruce, of Northern New York, appointed Grand Chaplain, pro tem., 2450.

6. Refusal to adopt a proposition to limit Grand Sires to the city of Baltimore in the selection of Grand Chaplains, 2466.

OFFICERS.—GRAND MARSHAL. (345.)

1. The Grand Marshal is required to perform the several duties of that office, and to assist the Grand Sire in such manner as may be from time to time required, 2375.

2. John Sessford, jr., of District Columbia, present as Grand Marshal, 1827, 1981.

3. James M. Cassady, of New Jersey, appointed and installed Grand Marshal, 1986; present as such, 2203.

4. James W. Hale, of Southern New York, appointed and installed Grand Marshal, 2446, 2477.

OFFICERS.—GRAND GUARDIAN. (345.)

1. The Grand Guardian is required to prove every brother before admitting him to enter the Grand Lodge, and to allow no one to retire without the usual formality, 2375.

2. Solomon H. Lewyt, of Maryland, present as Grand Guardian, 1827, 1981; re-appointed and re-installed, 1986; in attendance, 2203, 2395; again re-appointed and re-installed, 2446.

OFFICERS.—GRAND MESSENGER. (345.)

1. The Grand Messenger is required to perform such duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time require for the convenience and comfort of the members, 2375.

2. John E. Chamberlain, of Maryland, present as Grand Messenger, 1827, 1981; re-appointed and re-installed, 1986; again re-appointed and re-installed, 2446.

3. The Grand Messenger specially directed to furnish daily the printed proceedings to each member, and to pay the postage on all documents placed in his hands, printed by authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1833, 1996, 2217.

4. To place on the desk of each representative a copy of "Cushing's Manual," to remain the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1835, 1996.

5. To have the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary placed in wrappers for mailing, 2109, 2465.

6. To forward to each member one copy of the new constitution, 2347.

7. To mail to members, and to such other persons as they might designate, the remnants of proceedings not printed at the adjournment of sessions, 2347, 2182, 2464, 2518, 2520.

8. To request the Postmaster of Baltimore to distribute the printed matter of the Grand Lodge of the United States at his earliest convenience, 2461.

9. Appointments of Assistant Messengers and compensation therefor, 2136, 2171, 2531.

OFFICERS.—DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES. (346.)

1. The Grand Sire is required to appoint, at every annual session, a District Deputy Grand Sire for each State, District, or Territory where there are not a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment, 2382.

2. To qualify a brother for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Sire he must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of Past Grand and of the royal purple degree, and in a jurisdiction where a Grand Encampment exists he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment, 2382, 2383.

3. District Deputy Grand Sires are required, as the special agents of the Grand Lodge, to do and perform whatever the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire may order to be done in their respective districts; to exercise a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, (in their respective districts,) which work under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of the United

OFFICERS.—DISTRICT DEPUTY SIRES, continued.

States; to act as the agents of the Grand Secretary, and obey the special directions of that officer; and to make semi-annual reports of their acts and doings to the Grand Sire, 2382.

4. District Deputy Grand Sires are not permitted in any case to interfere with the Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, 2382.

5. They are appointed for one year, but their commissions may be revoked by the Grand Sire at any time, for cause, 2383.

6. A District Deputy Grand Sire, in absenting himself temporarily from his jurisdiction, has authority to appoint a qualified brother or brothers to install the officers of lodges and encampments during his necessary absence, 1992, 2114, 2170, 2180.

7. District Deputy Grand Sires, viz:
James Mitchell, for Vermont, 1980, 2369, 2419, 2544.
M. D. Papy, for Florida, 1980, 2369, 2544.
J. P. Norman, for Arkansas, 1980.
John G. Potts, for Minnesota, 1980, 2005, 2225.
Samuel H. Parker, for California, 1980, 1987, 2003.
Anson Jones, for Texas, 1980, 1989.
Joseph D. Ellis, for New Mexico, 1837, 1988, 2005.
James A. Henry, for Arkansas, 2369, 2544.
Matthew Purdin, for California, 2369.
E. M. Barnum, for Oregon, 1988, 2003, 2225, 2369, 2423.
Charles L. Spencer, for New Mexico, 2369, 2403.
Thos. Reynolds, for Canada West, 2369, 2401, 2409-10, 2545.
James MacLaren, for Canada East, 2369, 2407-8, 2545.
E. G. Fuller, for Nova Scotia, &c., 2369, 2401, 2412-14, 2545.
R. A. S. Wood, for the Sandwich Islands, 2369, 2423, 2545.
William S. Davis, for Arkansas, 2422.
B. W. Bronson, for Minnesota, 2423.
Horace L. Dickinson, for New Mexico, 2545.
Charles F. Holly, for Nebraska, 2545.
C. C. Hewitt, for Washington Territory, 2545.

OFFICERS OF STATE GRAND LODGES. (347.)

1. The term of service for Grand Officers is one year; and such as shall be elected for the brief period of three or four months are not entitled to the official honors of their offices, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

2. This law, however, does not apply to cases where, by voluntarily withdrawing from the duties of a station, an officer forfeits all its honors, and his successor who performs the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

3. The uniform action of the Grand Lodge of the United States recognises one year as the only proper term of service of the officers of Grand Bodies. 1920, 1956.

OFFICERS OF STATE GRAND LODGES, continued.

4. It is not compatible with law to make the encampment degrees a qualification for membership or office in a Grand Lodge, 1843, 1921, 1957, 2480, 2503.

5. Grand Officers of State Grand Lodges, when visiting the Subordinate Lodges under their own jurisdiction, should give at the outside door the same password that is required of other brothers, 1992, 2114, 2170.

6. The elective officers of a Grand Lodge are not entitled *ex officio* to vote unless the local law gives them that privilege, 2265, 2468, 2501.

7. An officer of a Grand Lodge, whether elective or appointed, does not, by virtue of such election or appointment, acquire any privilege in respect to voting. He votes by virtue of his position as Past Grand, in the same manner as other members vote; and if the representative system prevails in his jurisdiction, unless he be a representative, he is not entitled to vote at all, except in the election of Grand Officers, 2249, 2265, 2327.

8. A Grand Master has no power summarily to remove an officer of a lodge, as his official relations are not with the officers of lodges but with the lodges themselves, in their lodge capacity, and, therefore, if a Noble Grand persist in permitting improper work in violation of his instructions, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the lodge that, unless it shall require its officers to conform to the work, it shall be dealt with for insubordination, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1952.

9. No brother can at the same time hold office in two State Grand Lodges or two Grand Encampments, or in two Subordinate Lodges or two Encampments, 2381.

10. Any elective officer of a Grand Lodge has authority, within his own jurisdiction, to introduce visiting brethren without subjecting them to the usual examination, 2382.

11. A brother who resigns a salaried office does not thereby forfeit his right to *pro rata* compensation for such period of time as he may have performed its duties, 2268, 2328.

12. The past official degrees, which are rewards for official service in Subordinate Lodges, may be conferred by a Grand Lodge at any proper time and place upon those who have earned them, and produce proper certificates from lodges in which they have been earned, but the Grand Lodge degree cannot be conferred upon any Past Grand until he becomes a member of a Grand Lodge, 2124, 2134-5, 2176.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. (349.)

1. An officer of a Subordinate Lodge who is absent a majority of the nights of his term will forfeit the honors of his office, even if he be absent by leave of his lodge, 1845, 1886, 1898, 1949, 1952.

2. An officer of a lodge who is absent on account of sickness for a majority of the nights of his term does not thereby forfeit the honors of the term, 2309, 2345.

3. Scarlet members are not eligible to the office of Noble Grand, 2125, 2144, 2177, 2275, 2280, 2328, 2470, 2503.

4. But if a vacancy occurs in the office of Noble Grand, and all qualified members of the lodge decline to accept the office, the lodge may elect a scarlet member to fill the vacancy, 2494, 2515, 2521.

5. A Noble Grand is vested with the appointment of all the "appointed officers" of his lodge, with the exception of the Vice Grand's two supporters, who are appointed by the Vice Grand, 1847, 1887, 1949.

6. In the case of an officer elect of a Subordinate Lodge absenting himself on installation night, unless a satisfactory excuse be given for his non-attendance, the installing officer may require the lodge immediately to elect another officer in the place of the absentee, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

7. If a Noble Grand should fail to appear for installation for some time after the regular period, the discharge of his duties and the appointment of subordinate officers will devolve upon the Vice Grand; and, under such circumstances, if the local laws provide for the vacation of office for non-attendance, the lodge may treat the Vice Grand as installed into the superior office and vacate his inferior office, 2216, 2251, 2264, 2327.

8. If a Noble Grand elect fails to appear for installation, and forfeits (under the local law) his office, the member elected and installed in his lieu is the Noble Grand of the lodge, 2403-4, 2450, 2481, 2503.

9. The station of an installed officer of a Subordinate Lodge cannot be vacated by non-attendance unless the local laws so provide, 2216, 2251, 2264, 2327.

10. There is no law which prevents the delivery of the Past Grand's charge by the Noble Grand, and although the charge should be given by the Past Grand, if present, yet circumstances may often require that this duty be entrusted to the Noble Grand. Under no circumstances should this charge be given by the Vice Grand, 1845, 1895, 1952.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, continued.

11. In the absence of the two principal officers on a regular night of meeting a lodge may be opened for business with a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair and a scarlet member in the Vice Grand's chair, 1840, 1842, 1883, 1897, 1952.

12. The first Noble Grand of a newly instituted lodge being lawfully entitled to the honorary degrees of Past Vice Grand and Past Secretary, he is, if really in possession of them, an eligible candidate for office in his Grand Lodge to the same extent that he would have been eligible if he had performed actual instead of constructive service in the subordinate offices of Secretary and Vice Grand, 2452, 2468, 2501.

13. Any brother, whether a Past Grand or otherwise, when occupying temporarily a subordinate office in a lodge, should wear the appropriate regalia of such station, 2144, 2175.

14. Certificates entitling members who have served in office to the appropriate past official degrees must be given without the vote of the lodge, 1902, 1953.

15. If a salaried officer resign before the expiration of his term he does not forfeit the emoluments of his office up to the time of resignation, but only its honors, 2268, 2328.

16. Where lodges are in possession of the work of the degree of Rebekah by authority of their State Grand Lodges, it is imperative that Noble Grands and Vice Grands shall be in possession of that degree before they are installed into office, 1841, 1883, 1898, 1952, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

17. The daughters of Rebekah, having only an honorary connexion with the Order, cannot be admitted to witness an installation of officers, 1848, 1954, 1964.

18. When visiting for installation purposes a Grand Master is entitled to take the chair of the Noble Grand, but when otherwise visiting he is not entitled to that chair of right, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

19. Past Grands deputed to officiate as Grand Officers at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and such other members of a Grand Lodge as may assemble to aid in those ceremonies, are required before entering the ante-room to give the same password that is demanded of other brothers; but, after the lodge has been duly informed by the Grand Marshal of the presence in the ante-room of the installing officers, no password should be required of them at the inner door, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

20. The officers of a lodge cannot grant cards in its recess, but they must be applied for in open lodge, 1847, 1848, 1885, 1921, 1948, 1957, 1966, 2173.

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21. A Secretary has no right to withhold a card which has been granted by a lodge, and for doing so he is liable to arraignment, even if the responsibility be assumed on the alleged discovery of crime on the part of the intended recipient, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

22. A proposition submitted, but not adopted, proposing to grant a dispensation to qualify a member of the scarlet degree to pass the Vice Grand's chair without service, for the purpose of electing him to the Noble Grand's chair, his lodge at the time having one or more Past Grands, 2495.

OFFICERS OF ENCAMPMENTS. (352.)

1. The officers of Grand and Subordinate Encampments are governed by the same laws, so far as they are applicable, as the officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

2. A Grand Patriarch is authorized to issue a dispensation for a more remote encampment to elevate an applicant to the Patriarchal degrees—the only encampment nearer the resident of the applicant having assented thereto, 2215, 2264, 2327.

OFFICERS, PAST.—See PAST GRANDS, &c.

OHIO. (353.)

1. Various resolutions of the Grand Encampment presented, instructing its representatives upon matters of legislation, which were referred to the committee on amendments to the constitution, 1843, 1918.

2. The same resolutions, with many additional ones, emanating from both the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, again presented in 1853, and spread upon the Journal, 2159, 2160-1.

3. Special legislation, authorizing the amendment of the constitution of the Grand Encampment, 2161, 2169, 2179.

4. Four resolutions presented from the Grand Lodge instructing its representatives—first, to procure the passage of a law to prevent the initiation of persons by which the secrets of the Order might be endangered; second, to give the Grand Lodges of the different States diagrams of the unwritten work of the Order; both of which were judged inexpedient, 2249, 2250, 2266, 2327. Third, to bring before the Grand Lodge of the United States the necessity of having the charge books so changed as to make them comply with the laws of the Order, which was accordingly done, 2249, 2268, 2328. Fourth, to bring before the same body the propriety of having a book of odes for the use of the Order, which was referred to the committee on finance, 2249.

5. An amended constitution of the Grand Encampment submitted and approved, 2320, 2347; further amendments approved, 2451, 2488, 2478, 2503.

OHIO, continued.

6. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge presented in favor of having the Grand Lodge of the United States composed of representatives elected by the several States according to a fixed ratio of numbers, 2460.

7. A case of contested election from the Grand Encampment, which resulted in denying a seat to either of the contestants, in consequence of informalities in the election, 2304, 2315, 2316; one of them again denied a seat, 2339, 2342.

8. Refusal to refund to the Grand Encampment its representative tax, for the reason that neither of its representatives were allowed a seat, 2466, 2497, 2521.

9. Appeals from this State, (see APPEALS,) viz: Alexander E. Glenn from a decision of the Grand Encampment, 2103, 2116, 2170; C. W. Cowan from a decision of the Grand Encampment, 2289, 2340.

10. Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: William Chidsey, 1827; W. G. Williams, 1827, 1985, 2204; Nelson Hayward, 1832, 1982; Charles F. Wilstack, 1984, 2204; Daniel Humphrey, 1984; Samuel Craighead, 2206, 2396; Harrison H. Dodd, 2398; Paxson Coats, 2398; H. N. Clark, 2398.

ORDER, RULES OF. (356.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States may from time to time adopt such rules of order as it may see fit, 2376.

2. The Rules of Order so amended that no more than two amendments to a proposition can be entertained at the same time, viz: an amendment to an amendment, and that the question be taken first on the latter, 1845, 2389.

3. Report of a committee against the expediency of condensing Cushing's Manual, or rules of parliamentary proceeding, 1833-4, 1889.

4. The Rules of Order referred to a special committee for revision and amendment, 1834, 1904, 1908.

5. Report of said committee presented, accompanied by a revised form of rules, 2025, 2040.

6. Proceedings which resulted in the adoption, with some amendment, of the revised rules, 2302, 2320.

ORDER, QUESTIONS OF DECIDED. (358.)

1. 1852. A newly elected Representative (unless he be a Past Grand Sire) cannot be regarded as a member or take part in any of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States until his credentials shall have been received and his right to a seat acknowledged by that body, 1829.

ORDER, QUESTIONS OF DECIDED, continued.

2. 1852. Past Grand Sires, who are in attendance as Representatives, are competent to serve on committees and perform any other duties that may be assigned them as members of the Grand Lodge of the United States before their credentials as Representatives have been reported upon, 1830.

3. 1853. A Representative elected for two years, and duly admitted to a seat at one annual session, may resume his seat at the next annual session unless the Grand Lodge of the United States shall have been informed that he has incurred disqualification. 1983.

4. 1853. A Representative duly elected and commissioned who fails to take his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the first session of his term, does not forfeit his right to a seat at a subsequent session, his credentials being good for two years. He may, nevertheless, be arraigned and removed for neglect of duty by his own Grand Lodge, if its penal laws shall so provide, 1992, 2114, 2169.

5. 1853. When there is an amendment to an amendment pending, further amendment is not in order, 2162.

6. 1853. When there is a question before the Lodge a motion to suspend the rules is not in order, 2162.

7. 1854. The motion to lay on the table is a privileged question, and the motion for the previous question does not take precedence of it, 2263.

8. 1855. The question being on the motion to reconsider, debate upon the merits of the subject is not in order, 2467.

9. 1855. The Representative of a Grand Lodge which is the party to an appeal can vote on the decision of the appeal, the Representative being interested in the question, 2504.

OREGON. (360.)

1. Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, located at Salem, authorized during the recess of 1851-2, and its charter confirmed, a warrant previously issued for a lodge at Oregon city being cancelled, 1836-7, 1894, 1952.

2. Chemeketa Lodge instituted on the 6th December, 1852, and its constitution and by-laws subsequently approved, 1988, 2131, 2174.

3. Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, located at Portland, instituted the 8th of April, 1853, and its charter confirmed, 1988,2006, 2120.

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4. Oregon Lodge, No. 3, located at Oregon city, and —— Lodge, No. 4, located at Albany city, authorized in the recess of 1853-4, and their charters confirmed, 2226, 2295, 2343.

5. The Grand Lodge chartered at the session of 1855, to be located in Oregon city, 2478, 2503.

PANAMA.

An informal application for a lodge presented, and the Grand Sire directed to issue warrants for the establishment of the Order in Panama whenever the proper forms should be complied with, 1837, 1946-7.

PASSWORD. (361.)

1. The travelling password, one of the tests by which visiting brothers are tried, is selected by the Grand Sire, and goes into operation on the first day of January in each year. The Noble Grands and Vice Grands of Lodges and the Chief Patriarchs and Senior Wardens of Encampments are required to be privately put in possession of it at the time of their installation; and, that this may be properly done, the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of every State and Territory, and their regular deputies, should also be in possession of it, 2385.

2. A Noble Grand cannot refuse to confer the travelling password upon a brother who presents his travelling card with a letter of request to that effect from his lodge, both being under seal and in due form of law, unless in some extreme case where the travelling member should be known to have committed a criminal act subsequently to the date of his card or letter, 2103, 2146, 2177.

3. The Noble Grand of a lodge should examine an applicant for membership by card as to his being in possession of the travelling password, (although it is not essential that he should be in possession of it,) and as to the degrees he claims to have received, if the committee to whom his application was referred shall not have performed that duty, or a committee of the lodge has not previously examined him thereon when visiting the lodge, 2104, 2147, 2177.

4. Refusal to put the annual travelling password in possession of Secretaries of lodges and Scribes of encampments, 1942, 1955, 1965.

5. Strangers cannot be introduced to a lodge without the annual password by Past Grands deputed to install the officers of Subordinate Lodges, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

6. The annual password of the ladies' degree must be given by the ladies at the outer door, 1933, 1962.

PASSWORD, continued.

7. The Noble Grand of a lodge has not the right to admit a member belonging to another lodge in his State jurisdiction without the term password, but he may admit members of his own lodge without said word, if they be not in arrears to an amount that would disqualify them from receiving it, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

8. The Grand Officers of State Grand Lodges, when visiting the Subordinate Lodges under their own jurisdiction, should give at the outside door the same password that is required of other brothers, for the reason that it is impossible for the Grand Officers to become personally known to the entire brotherhood of any State jurisdiction, 1992, 2114, 2170.

9. Past Grands deputed to officiate as Grand Officers at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and such other members of a Grand Lodge as may assemble to aid in those ceremonies, are required before entering the ante-room to give the same password that is demanded of other brothers; but, after the lodge has been duly informed by the Grand Marshal of the presence in the ante-room of the installing officers, no password should be required of them at the inner door, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

10. The password must be given in the lodge room to any brother temporarily acting as Warden by authority of the presiding officer, whether such brother be clothed in the Warden's regalia or not, 2144, 2175.

11. A member of an encampment who has received only the Patriarchal degree, or the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees, is entitled to the semi-annual password of that branch of the Order, 2103, 2145, 2177.

12. The local law must determine whether a member of a Subordinate Lodge must have his account settled up to the last day of the past term to entitle him to receive the password of the current term, and whether, if he is in arrears, he has a right to sit in his own Lodge without the password prior to suspension, 2461, 2483, 2504.

PAST GRANDS, &c. (362.)

1. Past officers of every description, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest rank they may have attained, 2384, 2385.

2. The Past official degrees cannot be conferred for a pecuniary consideration, or for any other consideration than actual service in office, 2384.

3. Past Grands deputed to install the officers of Subordinates are charged with a special duty, clearly prescribed by law, and are

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entitled to all the respect due to the officer whom they represent, but they have no authority summarily to deprive a lodge of its charter, nor any right to assume the rank of elective officers and introduce strangers into a lodge without card or password, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

4. A convention of Past Grands, representing their respective Subordinate Lodges, held with a view of redressing an alleged local grievance, is illegal, and the voice of such a convention cannot be heard in a Grand Lodge, 2215, 2264.

PAST GRAND SIRES. (364.)

1. Past Grand Sires are members for life of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but they have not the privilege of voting unless they be Representatives (nor are their expenses paid when they attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States,) 2375.

2. Portraits of the four junior Past Grand Sires procured, 1833, 2108, 2209, 2449, 2528.

3. The names of Past Grand Sires published annually with the proceedings, 1980, 2202, 2370, 2545.

PATRIARCHAL ORDER.—GRAND ENCAMPMENTS. (365.)

1. Grand Encampments exist by virtue of warrants duly granted or confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2371.

2. No more than one Grand Encampment can exist in any State or Territory, except in New York, which is divided into two jurisdictions, 2371.

3. Warrants for the establishment of Grand Encampments may be issued by the Grand Sire or by the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the petition of three or more Subordinate Encampments located in a State or Territory where no Grand Encampment exists, 2373, 2379, 2380.

4. Every Grand Encampment must pay the expenses of the officer upon whom is devolved the duty of opening it and installing its officers, 2380.

5. When a Grand Encampment is duly established in any State or Territory it acquires jurisdiction over all the Subordinate Encampments previously existing in such State or Territory, 2381, 2382.

6. Such form of constitution as may be adopted must be submitted for approval to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2381.

7. Each Grand Encampment must have a seal, an impression of which must be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2381.

PATRIARCHAL ORDER.—GRAND ENCAMPMENTS, continued.

8. Every Grand Encampment is entitled to one representative, and if containing within its jurisdiction more than one thousand members, two representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2375.

9. Every Grand Encampment must furnish its representative with a certificate in proper form, and with all documents that may be necessary in the discharge of the duties of his office, 2375, 2383.

10. Every Grand Encampment is required to make an annual return to the Grand Lodge of the United States, according to prescribed forms, accompanied by its dues, 2381.

11. It must pay annually to the Grand Lodge of the United States fifty dollars for each representative to which it is entitled, and if it be in arrears for these or other dues it cannot vote by its representative, 2377, 2381, 2530.

12. Every Grand Encampment is entitled to such number of copies of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States as it has Subordinate Encampments in its jurisdiction, for its own use, and an equal number to be distributed among its Subordinates, 2383.

13. The consent of a Grand Encampment is necessary to enable its Subordinates to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless in the case of an expelled Subordinate Encampment which shall have surrendered its effects, 2371.

14. Grand Encampments may submit to the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or to the Grand Sire, any question relating to the laws or usages of the Order, 2373, 2386.

15. Grand Encampments are required to enforce upon their subordinates a strict adherence to the prescribed work; they must not use, nor suffer to be used, any other than the prescribed charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation, and regalia, and they are held responsible for any irregularities in this respect, which they allow under their jurisdiction, 2383.

16. An elective officer of a Grand Encampment may introduce visiting brethren, without examination, into any encampment within his jurisdiction, 2382.

17. A Grand Patriarch may issue a dispensation for a more remote encampment to elevate to the Patriarchal degrees an applicant, the only encampment located nearer the residence of the applicant having assented thereto, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

18. Many of the laws relating to Grand Lodges are also applicable to Grand Encampments. (See GRAND LODGES.)

PATRIARCHAL ORDER.—SUB. ENCAMPMENTS. (369.)

1. Subordinate Encampments exist by virtue of warrants duly granted by the competent authority within whose jurisdiction they are established. If there be a Grand Encampment in the State or Territory where it is proposed to establish a Subordinate Encampment, application must be made to such Grand Encampment for a charter for a Subordinate Encampment; but, if no Grand Encampment exist there, then petition must be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, or to the Grand Sire, 2372, 2373.

2. The petition for a Subordinate Encampment must be according to the prescribed form, be accompanied with the fee of thirty dollars, and be signed by seven members of the royal purple degree in good standing, 2379, 2381.

3. When the prayer of such a petition is denied, the fee is returned to the petitioners; and if a warrant be granted, the encampment is opened by the Grand Sire, or by a qualified deputy, who delivers the warrants and charge books and imparts the necessary instruction, 2379, 2381.

4. Encampments chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States are required to submit their constitutions to that body for its approval, 2381.

5. They are also required to transmit to the Grand Lodge of the United States semi-annual returns, accompanied by their dues, viz: ten per centum on their receipts—and if they fail to make returns for one year their charters are forfeited, 2377, 2379, 2385.

6. In case of the establishment of a Grand Encampment in the State or Territory in which Subordinate Encampments are located, they pass under the jurisdiction of such Grand Encampment, 2382.

7. Encampments cannot initiate or admit to membership any person who is a resident of another State, without the previous assent of the Grand Encampment or Grand Patriarch of the State in which the applicant resides, 2377.

8. A brother who is a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident in another State, may be initiated into an encampment at the place of his residence, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

9. No suspended or expelled member can be admitted to membership unless with the previous consent of the encampment from which he was expelled, 2377.

10. No encampment can confer degrees upon a member of another encampment, without the consent, given under its seal, of the encampment to which the brother belongs, 2381.

PATRIARCHAL ORDER.—SUB. ENCAMPMENTS, continued.

11. Brothers who have withdrawn from their Subordinate Lodges cannot retain membership in their encampments, 1907, 1915, 1954, 2258, 2266, 2327.

12. An encampment degree cannot be conferred upon any one holding a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge, 2404, 2450, 2481, 2503.

13. A member who has received the Patriarchal or the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees is entitled to the semi-annual password, 2103, 2145, 2177.

14. The charge of the royal purple degree succeeding the obligation cannot be conferred on more than one Patriarch at the same time, 2135, 2176.

15. No person can hold membership in more than one encampment at the same time, 2381.

16. The precedence which has been usually given to the Patriarchal Order, as being the most exalted branch, may be departed from under certain circumstances, so as to confer it upon the body under whose auspices or on whose behalf a procession is organized, 1920, 1932, 1961-2.

17. Various ineffectual propositions, and reports and proceedings thereon, proposing to abolish all the encampments as a distinct branch of the Order, and to provide for conferring the Patriarchal degrees in the Subordinate Lodges, (see MERGEMENT,) 1913, 1925, 1945, 2105, 2148, 2166, 2179, 2254-5, 2275, 2276, 2280, 2329, 2340, 2351, 2453, 2455, 2459, 2463, 2498, 2501, 2509, 2532.

18. See BENEFITS, CARDS, CHARTER, DEGREES, DEPOSITE, INITIATION, MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS, PRAYER, REGALIA, WORK, or other subject. See, also, SUBORDINATE LODGES, for many laws that are applicable to Subordinate Encampments.

PENALTIES. (373.)

1. Any officer or member of the Grand Lodge of the United States may be impeached and tried by that body, (a majority assenting thereto,) and if convicted may be expelled by a two-thirds vote, provided the charges shall have been furnished to the accused at least three days before the trial, 2376.

2. Whilst a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States is thus upon trial he cannot exercise the privileges of his office or his membership, but may be heard in his own defence, 2376.

3. No member of the Grand Lodge of the United States can retain membership in that body if he be suspended or expelled from his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, 2376.

PENALTIES, continued.

4. A Grand Representative, duly elected and commissioned, who fails to take his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the first session of his term, does not, for that reason, forfeit his right to a seat at a subsequent session, his credentials being good for two years; but he may be arraigned and removed for neglect of duty, by his own Grand Lodge, if its penal laws shall so provide, 1992, 2114, 2169.

5. A Grand Representative elect taking a withdrawal card forfeits his office, although he should afterwards deposite the card in another lodge, 2403, 2451, 2460, 2481-2, 2504.

6. Special legislation making an exception to the last preceding law, 2507, 2522, 2531.

7. A Grand Lodge may deprive its own Subordinate of its charter without a trial, but such an act would be unjust and contrary to the spirit and usage of the Order, 1919, 1932, 1961.

8. A Grand Lodge may enact laws regulating the manner of annulling cards, provided such laws do not conflict with the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2105, 2145, 2177.

9. A Subordinate Lodge violating the laws laid down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and refusing to observe such laws, may be expelled therefor, and the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which such lodge is located may demand its charter in the recess of his Grand Lodge, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

10. The station of an installed officer of a Subordinate Lodge cannot be vacated by non-attendance unless the local laws so provide, 1992, 2114, 2169.

11. A Secretary has no right to withhold a card, which has been granted by a lodge, and for doing so he is liable to arraignment, even if the responsibility be assumed on the alleged discovery of crime on the part of the intended recipient, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

12. A lodge cannot enforce, by fine, the performance of the duties of Chaplain, 2461, 2491, 2508.

13. The length of time to which a lodge can extend suspension for cause is a question to be decided by the legislation of Subordinate Lodges, 2107, 2147, 2180.

14. Suspensions from the Order should not be indefinite, nor for any unreasonable length of time, extending beyond the ordinary average of human life, 2287, 2288, 2340.

15. A lodge may expel a member for non-payment of dues if permitted to do so by the laws of its State, 2214, 2264, 2327.

PENALTIES, continued.

16. The punishment of expulsion should not be imposed for non-payment of dues, as it is impolitic and unjust to visit misfortune with the extreme penalty designed for criminal offences, 2330, 2347.

17. A lodge cannot exclude a brother from benefits on the ground that he is in arrears for dues whilst it is indebted to him for sick dues that had previously accrued, 2291, 2341.

18. The spirit of the Order is opposed to the policy of fines for non-attendance in Subordinate Lodges, but there is no general law which forbids the imposition of such fines, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

19. The propriety of imposing fines for non-attendance at funerals is a subject for local legislation, 1934, 1962.

20. A withdrawal card cannot be annulled unless it be done during the twelve months such a card has vitality, 2105, 2145, 2177.

21. The annulling of a withdrawal card will not have the effect of revoking the card, or expelling its owner from the Order, but it will bring him back into the lodge, when, after due notice of the charges which induced the lodge to abrogate his card, and a fair and impartial trial thereof, he may be expelled or acquitted, 2105, 2145, 2177.

22. When a brother is suspended for a specified time, whether it be for non-payment of dues or any other cause, he cannot be restored to membership until the expiration of such time, unless by the action of his Grand Lodge; that is, members who are thus suspended for non-payment of dues cannot be restored by action of the Subordinate upon the payment of the dues until the full time of suspension has elapsed, 2162, 2171, 2180.

23. Suspended members are chargeable with dues during the period of their suspension, 1884, 1948.

24. Refusal to modify this law in pursuance of a recommendation of the Grand Sire, 1992-3, 2137, 2177.

25. A resolution submitted, upon which there was no action, proposing a modification of this law, 2528.

26. Refusal to define the powers of lodges relative to suspensions for cause, so as to limit all such suspensions to a period not longer than the time at which a member would become suspended for arrearages of dues, 2126, 2181.

27. A Subordinate Lodge may settle by compromise its pecuniary claims upon such of its members suspended for non-payment of dues as have changed their residence to another State, and grant them regular clearance cards by virtue of such settlement, 2496, 2520.

PENALTIES, continued.

28. Brothers who have been suspended by one lodge for non-payment of dues cannot be admitted to membership in any other lodge without depositing therein an authenticated clearance card, 2495, 2520.

29. It is not consistent with the spirit of the Order to publish, in the popular acceptation of that term, a brother who is expelled for non-payment of dues, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

30. A brother under suspension being still amenable to the laws of his lodge, he cannot be deprived of the right of presenting a petition to his lodge or of acknowledging any error he may have committed; but if his communications are disrespectful he may be punished therefor, even to the extent of expulsion, 2287, 2340.

31. A brother who is a lawyer should not be held censurable as an Odd-Fellow for the discharge of professional duty towards a client, 2287, 2340.

32. Pending a decision on the granting of a withdrawal card, charges may be preferred against the brother making application therefor; and, under such circumstances, the vote on granting the card should not be taken until the charges be withdrawn or a trial be had upon them, 1992, 2115, 2170.

33. If a brother be guilty of an offence which would subject him to trial and punishment by his lodge, and should, before charges are preferred, or after charges have been preferred and before notice thereof shall have been served on him, absent himself so that such notice cannot be served on him, he may be expelled for contempt, 2463, 2483, 2504.

34. In cases where charges are preferred against a brother who shall have absconded or so concealed himself that the charges or notice of trial cannot be personally served upon him, the lodge or encampment may regularly proceed with the trial upon proof of the fact rendering such personal service impracticable, and the further proof that a copy of the charges and notice of trial have been deposited in the post office nearest the last known residence of such brother, directed to him at such place of residence, post paid; and that a like copy of the charges and notice of trial was left at his last place of residence, if the same be known: provided, that such papers shall be deemed to have been served upon the brother only from the date when the constructive service above described is complete; and, provided further, that in case such brother returns after the conclusion of his trial, he not having appeared on such trial, either in person or by counsel, and asks for a new trial, the same shall be granted to him, 2506, 2522, 2531.

PENALTIES, continued.

35. A request from the Grand Lodge of California to be permitted to admit to the Order in that State persons who had been suspended in other jurisdictions, which request was denied on the ground that the Grand Lodge of the United States had no power to grant it, 2454, 2464, 2495, 2520.

36. Proposition (pending as an amendment to the constitution) to punish lodges and encampments for initiating non-residents by requiring them to pay all fees and dues received from such persons to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the State of which they are residents, 2532.

37. Lists of persons suspended and expelled as communicated to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1967-77, 2189-99, 2354, 2533.

38. A member under penal charges may participate in the work of a lodge, the only effect of undecided charges being to deprive him of his right to take a travelling card, and, where the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision, 2132, 2174.

PENNSYLVANIA. (378.)

1. An amended copy of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge submitted, but not considered, as their reference to the Grand Lodge of the United States was not deemed necessary, 1835, 1899, 1953.

2. The Constitution of the Grand Encampment approved, 2151, 2180.

3. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge presented opposing a mergement of the two branches of the Order, 2459.

4. Expression of opinion by the Grand Lodge in favor of a revision of the odes of the Order, which was not deemed expedient, 2464, 2474, 2486, 2507.

5. Claim of the Grand Lodge that the assessment tax collected of it by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the year 1850 should be refunded, on the ground that it was not constitutionally imposed, but the claim was not admitted, 2459, 2497, 2520.

6. The Grand Lodge of the United States resolved to hold its session of 1853 in the city of Philadelphia, and the chairs and desks of members directed to be transported thither from Baltimore, 1938, 1965, 2179.

7. Upon an invitation of the Mayor of Philadelphia, the Grand Lodge of the United States during said session visited the Hall of Independence, 2102, 2110.

PENNSYLVANIA, continued.

8. Upon invitation of members of the Order in Philadelphia, the Grand Lodge of the United States during the same session participated in a festival, 2111.

9. Like courtesies extended by some of the lodges in Philadelphia, 2102, 2126.

10. Thanks voted to the committee appointed to make arrangements for holding this session at Philadelphia, 2158, 2181.

11. Thanks tendered to the Order generally of Pennsylvania for the courtesy and hospitality extended to the Grand Lodge of the United States during the session, 2182.

12. Appeals from this State, (see APPEALS,) viz: Peter Fritz from a decision of the Grand Lodge, 2144, 2172; Manayunk Degree Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge, 2293, 2341; Wayne Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge, 2452, 2471, 2503.

13. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: Henry F. Anners, 1827; J. Alexander Simpson, 1827; James B. Ruple, 1831; George Sligo, 1832, 1982; William English, 1984, 2398; Peter B. Long, 1985, 2204; William Curtis, 2105, 2108, 2399; William H. Lamberton, 2206, 2396; Henry Lambert, 2207.

PER DIEM AND MILEAGE.—See MILEAGE.

PER CENTAGE. (382.)

Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States are required to pay into its treasury ten per cent. of their receipts, 2377.

PETITION.

Applications for membership are generally denominated petitions; for what relates to that subject, see INITIATION, and for reference to legislation on the subject of petitioning for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, see CHARTER.

POSTAGE. (382.)

1. The Grand Messenger authorized to mail and pay the postage on certain documents of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1833, 2182, 2449.

2. Appropriations for the payment of postage, 1917, 1929, 1958, 2156-7, 2462.

PORTRAITS. (382.)

1. Portraits of Past Grand Sires ordered to be procured, viz: Robert H. Griffin, 1833; of William W. Moore, 2108, 2209; of Wilmot G. DeSaussure, 2449.

PORTRAITS, continued.

2. Lithographic portraits of Past Grand Sires received from Messrs. Turner & Grey, of Cincinnati, and thanks tendered therefor, 2498, 2528.

PRAYER. (382.)

1. The sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States are required to be opened and closed with prayer, 2387, 2388.
2. The meetings of all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments may at all times be opened and closed with prayer, 2383.
3. It is highly desirable and eminently proper that all lodges should open and close with prayer, but it is not proper for any subordinate body to require the performance of the duties of Chaplain under penalties, 2461, 2491, 2508.
4. In Encampments prayer is an integral part of the work of the Order, and cannot be dispensed with, 2461, 2491, 2508.

PRINTING, PUBLICATION, &c. (383.)

1. Since 1827 the Grand Lodge of the United States has printed and distributed, gratuitously, in pamphlet form, the Journal of Proceedings. (See JOURNAL.)
2. No Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment is permitted to print, or suffer to be used within its jurisdiction, any charges, lectures, degrees, or ceremonies, except such as are furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2383.
3. All papers connected with appeals, &c., brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States, are required to be furnished by the appealing parties, printed in pamphlet form, on a page of the same size as of this Index, 2493, 2499, 2521.
4. Reports of the Committee on Printing awarding to James Young, of Baltimore, the contract for printing the Journal, 1922, 1957, 2130, 2174, 2270, 2328, 2460, 2501.
5. The printing of the Revised Journal not to be paid for until completed, 1922, 1957, 2130, 2174.
6. Printing specially ordered at various times, viz:
7. Journal to be printed daily for the use of Representatives, 1833, 2110, 2217, 2449.
8. Reports of Grand Sires, 1842, 2102, 2216, 2465.
9. Reports of Grand Secretary, 1849, 2109, 2248, 2465.
10. Report on the subject of dues and benefits, or vital statistics of the Order, 2102.
11. The work of Subordinate Lodges and the Degree of Rebekah in the French, Spanish and German languages, 1919, 1931, 1960, 1966, 2125, 2126.

PRINTING, PUBLICATION, &c., continued.

12. The work of the Order printed in French, and additional appropriation therefor, 2275, 2300, 2343.

13. The opening and closing form of ceremony for Degree Lodges, 1966, 2168.

14. The fourth volume of the Proceedings and Index, 2495, 2500, 2521.

15. The certificate relative to benefits to be printed on all visiting cards, 2250-1, 2267, 2327.

16. Blank forms of the report prescribed for obtaining returns from lodges of the vital statistics of the Order, 2164.

17. Repeal of the law requiring the said returns to be made, 2478, 2503.

18. Refusal to print the work of the Order in the Welsh language, 2462, 2501, 2521.

PROCEEDINGS.—See JOURNAL.

PROCESSIONS. (385.)

1. In processions organized by the Grand Lodge of the United States that body and its members take precedence over the officers and members of State Bodies, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

2. In funeral processions a Grand Representative is not entitled to precedence of the other officers or members of his Grand Lodge, but must occupy such a position as is assigned to his rank by the laws of his State, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

3. Precedence in processions of the Order is generally given to the Patriarchal degrees, as the most exalted branch, but this custom may be departed from when a procession is organized under and in behalf of a Subordinate Lodge, 1920, 1932, 1962.

PROTEST. (390.)

1. A protest of the Grand Lodge of Virginia presented and referred, 1843.

2. A protest of the Representatives of Indiana against a decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, continuing in his seat one of their colleagues who had accepted a public office and removed to the city of Washington, 2182.

PROXIES. (391.)

PUBLICATION.—See PRINTING.

When a member incurs the penalty of expulsion, to "publish" him in the newspapers or otherwise, according to the popular acceptation of the term, is a violation of the secrecy enjoined with respect to the dealing of the members one with another, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

QUALIFICATION. (392.)

See OFFICERS, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, DEGREES, or MEMBERSHIP, as the case may be.

QUORUM. (392.)

The presence of Representatives from a majority of the whole number of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments is necessary to form a quorum of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and act upon the credentials of new members except in cases of contested elections, 2376.

RECEIPTS.

Statements of moneys received and expended, designating the sources whence received and to whom paid, are included in the annual reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for reference to which see FINANCE.

REGALIA. (393.)

1. The regalia of a member who has taken only the initiatory degree is a plain white apron, without collar or any other badge of distinction. The aprons and collars of other members of Subordinate Lodges are white. Those for members of the first degree are trimmed with white; those for members of the second degree are trimmed with pink; those for members of the third degree are trimmed with blue; those for members of the fourth degree are trimmed with green; those for members of the fifth degree are trimmed with scarlet, 2384.

2. All members of a Subordinate Lodge may wear rosettes, displaying the colors of the degrees they have taken, 2384.

3. The Noble Grand wears a scarlet collar, trimmed with white or silver; the Vice Grand wears a blue collar, trimmed with white or silver; the Secretaries wear green collars, trimmed with white or silver; the Treasurer wears a green collar, trimmed with white or silver, 2384.

4. The Supporters of the Noble Grand wear scarlet sashes; the Supporters of the Vice Grand wear blue sashes; the Warden and Conductor wear black sashes; the Scene Supporters wear white sashes; the Chaplain wears a white sash; the Outside Guardian wears a red sash, and the Inside Guardian a blue sash, 2384.

5. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers are white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office, 2384.

6. Past Grands wear scarlet collars (or sashes) and white aprons, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet aprons trimmed with white

REGALIA, continued.

The aprons and collars of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe. Those who have taken the Royal Purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal, 1940, 1941, 1963, 2384.

7. The officers and members of Grand Lodges wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined, 2384.

8. Any brother, whether a Past Grand or otherwise, when occupying temporarily a subordinate station in a lodge, should wear the appropriate regalia of such station, 2144, 2175.

9. The regalia for members of Subordinate Encampments who have not received the Royal Purple degree is black aprons and gloves; and members who have obtained the Royal Purple degree wear purple collars, black aprons, and black gloves, the aprons and collars to be trimmed with yellow lace or fringe, 2384.

10. The regalia for a Grand Representative consists of a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal as the member may be entitled to wear, 2384.

11. Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States wear the same regalia as Grand Representatives, 2384.

12. The jewel of a Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative is a medal, three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, having on one side the coat of arms of his State, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver, 2384.

13. The jewel of a Grand Sire or Past Grand Sire is the same as that of Grand Representatives, except that the coat of arms of the United States is represented on one side of his medal, 2384.

14. Past officers and members in possession of Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degree which they have taken, 2385.

15. Grand Representatives cannot be recognised in the Grand Lodge of the United States unless clothed in appropriate regalia, 2387, 2388.

16. It depends upon the legislation of State Grand Lodges whether, on funeral occasions, the usual regalia of the Order shall be worn with or as a substitute for the mourning badge, 2462, 2483, 2504.

REGALIA, continued.

17. A committee appointed to designate suitable regalia for Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Patriarchs, but their plan was not adopted, 2104, 2166, 2178.

18. If a Past Grand, acting temporarily as Warden, should not be clothed in the proper regalia of that office, a brother would not therefore be justified in refusing to give him the password, 2144, 2175.

REINSTATEMENT. (397.)

1. Members under the penalty of suspension or expulsion cannot be reinstated in the Order unless with the consent of the lodge or encampment which inflicted the punishment, 2377.

2. If a brother be suspended for a specified time, whether for non-payment of dues or for other cause, he cannot be reinstated until the specified time shall have expired, unless by action of a Grand Lodge, 2162, 2171, 2180.

3. The expiration of a term of suspension restores a brother to membership without a vote of his lodge, 2162, 2171, 2180.

4. A member who, when in good standing, shall have withdrawn by a written resignation, may, if he pass a satisfactory examination, be re-admitted as an ancient Odd-Fellow, 1992, 2115, 2170.

5. A person who has lost his connexion with the Order by disuse of his privilege can obtain reinstatement only by applying to the lodge with which he was formerly connected, and said lodge may make such an arrangement in regard to accumulated dues as will enable his reinstatement, 1885, 1948.

6. No lodge can receive into membership one who has ceased to be a member of the Order from the disuse of his privilege, since such person is unable to answer satisfactorily the questions propounded to every applicant relative to former connexion with the Order, 1885, 1948.

7. Persons who have been members of the Order, and who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be re-admitted by initiation; setting forth in their petition that they have never been suspended or expelled, and that they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connexion with the Order, 1921, 1956.

REJECTION. (397.)

The local jurisdictions, each for itself, may determine what length of time shall intervene in case of the rejection of an applicant before he may again offer himself for membership, 2162, 2171, 2180.

RELIEF. (398.)

1. A visiting or sojourning brother desiring benefits must produce a card properly endorsed and certified by the Secretary of his own lodge, (see CARDS,) and for whatever amount of money the distressed brother may receive from the lodge to which he applies for relief he must give a draft upon his own lodge, which is required promptly to honor it, 1947, 2104, 2116, 2151, 2180.

2. Contributions made by the Order in the United States for the purpose of building an Odd-Fellows' Hall at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, 1871, 1877, 1889 2002, 2215, 2264, 2327.

3. Appropriation of five hundred dollars in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever in New Orleans, 2133.

4. Appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever in Mobile, 2161.

5. Appropriation of three hundred dollars for the relief of brethren suffering from yellow fever in Norfolk and Portsmouth, 2400, 2458, 2475.

RELIGION.

1. No peculiar sectarian views are necessary to admission to the Order, but no person can be admitted who does not believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the universe, 2377.

2. Refusal to enact a law that would have excluded persons of a certain religious faith, 2249, 2250, 2266, 2327.

REMISSION OF DUES.

1. Refusal to remit dues owing by certain lodges in California, 1917-18, 1956, 2120, 2173.

2. Remission of dues owing by Sacramento Lodge and Eureka Lodge, at Sacramento, in California, 2130, 2138, 2152, 2209.

3. Certain dues accruing from lodges in Minnesota, after the organization of the Grand Lodge of that State, directed to be placed to its credit, 2107, 2182.

REMOVAL. (399.)

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States usually meets at Baltimore, but it is in the power of the body to meet at any other place, 2376.

2. Grand Lodges are not restricted to the places of meeting designated in their charters, but may fix the place of meeting by their constitutions or by-laws, and may change the place of meeting by amendment of their constitutions or by-laws, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1952.

REMOVAL, continued.

3. Movable lodges not allowed to be established in the army of the United States, 1988, 2005, 2137, 2177.

REPORTS. (399.)

1. The Grand Sire is required to make a report of his official acts and decisions in the recess to every annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

2. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is required to make a report at each annual session of the business of his office, 2374, 2381.

3. The Grand Treasurer is required to make report at each annual session of his receipts and expenditures, 2374.

4. The District Deputy Grand Sires are required to make to the Grand Sire semi-annual reports of their acts and doings, 2382.

5. The first business in order every morning in the Grand Lodge of the United States (except the first day of the session) is the presentation of reports from committees, but they cannot be considered on the day they are presented, except those relating to the credentials of members, 2389.

6. Committees of the Grand Lodge of the United States appointed to perform special duties in the recess are required to report, although some of their members may have ceased to be members of the body, 2389.

7. Reports of Grand Sires, viz: William W. Moore, 1836, 1986; Wilmot G. DeSaussure, 2208, 2399.

8. Reference to committees of the subjects contained in the reports of Grand Sires, 1842, 1883, 2102, 2111, 2216, 2405, 2450.

9. Extra copies of the reports of Grand Sires ordered to be printed, 1842, 2102, 2216, 2465.

10. Reports of Grand Secretary Ridgely, 1849, 1996, 2217, 2414.

11. Reference of the subjects contained in the reports of the Grand Secretary, 1883, 1902, 2247, 2252, 2431, 2451.

12. Extra copies of the reports of the Grand Secretary ordered to be printed, 1849, 2109, 2248, 2465.

13. Reports of Grand Treasurers, viz: of Andrew E. Warner, 1871, 2014; of Joshua Vansant, 2235, 2442, 2463-4.

14. Reports of the District Deputy Grand Sires presented and accepted, 1888, 1896, 1952.

15. The reports of James L. Ridgely and William Ellison, who, in 1854-5, were appointed to visit the Order in British North America, and approval of their acts, 2405, 2412, 2481, 2504.

REPORTS, continued.

16. See COMMITTEES for reports of committees; see RETURNS for reports from Grand and Subordinate Bodies; and see FINANCE, or other subject, for such reports as have relation thereto.

REPRESENTATION. (401.)

1. Every Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction less than one thousand contributing members is entitled to one Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and every such body having under its jurisdiction more than one thousand members is entitled to two Representatives, 2375.

2. The expenses of Representatives are paid by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2377.

3. All Representatives are required to reside within the States or Territories which they represent, (see GRAND REPRESENTATIVES,) 2375.

4. Proceedings of different jurisdictions presented favoring representation in the Grand Lodge United States according to a fixed ratio of numbers, 2452, 2453, 2460.

5. Rejection of proposed amendments to the Constitution having this object in view, 2465, 2473.

6. Pending amendments to the constitution proposing to effect a change in representation, 2489, 2505-6, 2529.

7. State Grand Bodies have the right to establish a system of representation, and are the proper legislatures whence such system should emanate, 1919, 1933, 1962.

RESIDENCE. (402.)

1. A Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States must reside in the State, District, or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment he represents is located, 2375.

2. Residence is an elementary qualification for membership in the Order, and, as an individual can have only one legal residence, he cannot be initiated at any place of which he is merely a temporary resident, 2461, 2482, 2504.

3. No citizen of one State, District, or Territory, wherein lodges or encampments are established, can be admitted to membership in a lodge or encampment of another State, District, or Territory, without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the State, District, or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident, 2377.

RESIDENCE, continued.

4. Where an applicant for membership is a citizen or subject of a foreign power, and only a *temporary* resident within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, he cannot be initiated into the Order, 2461, 2482, 2504.

5. The laws of the various States and municipalities, in consequence of the diversity of their provisions, are not, as a general rule, a proper guide in determining the question of the residence of applicants for membership, but lodges must be governed in this respect by such considerations as would prevail in ordinary business or social relations: as, for instance, that a married man, accompanied by his family and chattels, and engaged in some regular business, should be domiciled at the place of application; or, that a single man, having with him his goods or the implements of his trade, should be engaged in the business of his calling, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

6. A brother who is a member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident in another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an encampment at the place of his residence, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

7. No brother can be admitted to visit or deposite his card in a lodge or encampment out of the State, District, or Territory where he resides, unless he present a duly authenticated card, 2351, 2382.

8. A non-resident brother may always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit, 2382.

9. Subordinate Lodges have no right to refuse to members who propose a temporary residence in California the full amount of benefits to which they would be entitled if they had remained in their own jurdisdictions, 2494, 2508, 2521.

10. A Subordinate Lodge has a right to make a by-law requiring the payment of higher dues from members going out of the State where the lodge is located than of those residing in the State, if it meets the approval of the State Grand Lodge, 1888, 1896, 1952.

RESIGNATION. (403.)

1. If an officer resigns his station he forfeits all its honors, and his successor who performs the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

2. If a salaried officer resign before the expiration of his term he does not forfeit the emoluments of his office up the time of resignation, but only its honors, 2268, 2328.

RESIGNATION, continued.

3. Any person who, being at the time in good standing, shall have withdrawn from the Order by a written resignation, may be re-admitted as an ancient Odd-Fellow, provided he first pass a satisfactory examination in the work; and if he fail to pass a thorough examination, then he can be re-admitted only by initiation, 1992, 2115, 2170.

RETURNS. (403.)

1. Every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment is required to make an annual return to the Grand Lodge of the United States, containing various information, as designated in the prescribed forms, 2381.

2. Every Subordinate Lodge and Subordinate Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States is required to make similar returns semi-annually, the same to be accompanied with ten per centum on the whole amount of receipts, 2379.

3. The return must correspond to the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing on the first day of July, and terminating on the thirtieth of June, 2385.

4. The returns must be rendered to the Grand Secretary at least one month previous to the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and must be accompanied with the dues owing to said body, 2381.

5. Any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States which fails for one year to make its returns forfeits its charter, 2385.

6. Returns required to be made of the sickness, mortality, &c. occurring in lodges, but having been found to be impracticable the law was repealed, 2043, 2057, 2164, 2477-8, 2503.

7. The form of returns from Subordinate Lodges amended so as not to require reports to be made of their moneys, their investments, or their widow and orphan funds, 2477-8, 2503.

8. The form of returns amended so as to include the following items amongst the information to be reported from each jurisdiction, viz: the number of lodges therein, the number of reinstatements, number of brothers relieved, number of widowed families relieved, and the number of deaths and burials, 2477-8, 2503.

9. Summary view of the returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, 1878-9, 1880, 2021, 2022-3, 2243-4, 2245, 2436.

10. Summary view of the returns of Grand and Subordinate Encampments, 1881-2, 2024, 2246, 2439.

RETURNS, continued.

11. For reference to reports from the Committee on Returns, see COMMITTEES.

REVENUE.—See FINANCE.

1. The Grand Lodge of the United States regards the power of Subordinate Lodges over their own financial affairs as a sacred and highly cherished prerogative with which it will not interfere, 2496, 2520.

2. The moneys and investments of Subordinate Lodges are not required to be reported to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2477-8, 2503.

3. Refusal to adopt a proposition having in view the prevention of any appropriation of funds belonging to the Order to any purposes not strictly pertaining to the Order, 2175.

4. For reference to a variety of interesting information, gathered with a view to the framing of laws for the better regulation of the revenue and expenditures of lodges so as to establish them on a solvent and enduring basis, see VITAL STATISTICS.

REVISION.

1. The Constitutions of all Grand Bodies, and of Subordinate Bodies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, must be submitted to the latter body for examination and approval, 2381.

2. It is not necessary to submit the by-laws of Grand Lodges to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, 1835, 1899, 953.

RHODE ISLAND. (406.)

1. Horace A. Manchester, of this State, elected Deputy Grand Sire, 1892, 1986.

2. Grand Representatives from the State since 1851, viz: Horace A. Manchester, 1828; James Wood, 1828; William Hicks, 1831, 1982; Charles H. Denison, 1985, 2204; Daniel Wilkinson, 1985, 2204; J. M. Wheeler, 2206, 2396; H. L. Webster, 2399; William Potter, Jr., 2452.

RULES OF ORDER.—See ORDER.

SALARIES.—See COMPENSATION and FINANCE.

SANDWICH ISLANDS. (408.)

1. Statements of contributions made by the Order in the United States for the purpose of building an Odd-Fellows' Hall at Honolulu, 1839, 1871, 1877.

SANDWICH ISLANDS, continued.

2. The fund thus collected, amounting to sixteen hundred dollars, transmitted in the spring of 1853 to Excelsior Lodge, 1989, 2002.

3. Decision of the Grand Sire, confirmed by the Grand Lodge, that this money could not be used to pay the rent of a hall, but must be applied for the purpose for which it was contributed, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

4. The Grand Lodge of the United States declined to assist in building this hall on account of the depressed state of its finances, 2498, 2521.

5. Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, at Honolulu, authorized during the recess of 1853-4 and charter confirmed, 2226, 2295, 2343.

6. The Constitution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, presented and approved, 2490, 2508.

7. Pacific Lodge, No. 2, located at Lahuini, authorized during the recess of 1853-4, and charter confirmed, 2226, 2295, 2343.

8. R. A. S. Wood is the District Deputy Grand Sire for these Islands, and gives a favorable account of the Order there, 2369, 2423, 2545.

SEAL. (409.)

1. Every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment is required to have a seal, (with which their communications should be authenticated,) and to deposite an impression thereof, in wax, in the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2381.

2. The Grand Secretary authorized to procure a new seal and press for the use of his office, 1841, 1930, 2222.

SEATS. (409.)

1. The seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States allotted to the members thereof by special committees at the beginning of each session, 1830, 1983, 2205, 2397.

2. The seats removed to Philadelphia in 1853 when the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States was held in that city, 1938, 1965, 2179.

SECRETARY.—See OFFICERS.

SESSIONS. (409.)

1. The time of holding the regular annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States is the third Monday in September, 2376.

2. The Grand Lodge may meet at any other time on its adjournment, 2376.

SESSIONS, continued.

3. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Grand Sire; but two months' notice must be given to the different State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the subject of such meetings, and no other business than such as shall be named in the notice can be transacted, 2376.

4. A majority of Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments is necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and decide upon the credentials of members, 2376.

5. The hour of meeting is nine o'clock in the morning, 2376.

6. The usual place of meeting is the city of Baltimore, but the Grand Lodge has the power to meet at any other place, 2376.

7. The session of 1853 ordered to be held at Philadelphia, 1938.

8. The sessions of 1854, 1855, and 1856, held at Baltimore, 2316, 2325, 2529.

9. An invitation, which was declined, to hold the session of 1854 in the city of New York, 2104, 2105.

10. Refusal to adopt a proposition having in view the permanent location of the Grand Lodge of the Untted States, 2144.

11. If any epidemic should prevail at Baltimore in 1856 the Grand Sire was authorized to convene the Grand Lodge elsewhere, 2528.

12. Secret sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States held for instruction in the work of the Order, 1833, 1914, 1920, 2106, 2134, 2144, 2520.

13. Grand Lodges are not restricted to the places of meeting designated in their charters, but may in their constitutions and by-laws fix their own places of meeting, and change such places by amending their constitutions and by-laws, 1839, 1897, 1952.

14. A Grand Lodge may hold its sessions at other places than those which may be designated in its charter or by-laws, 1899, 1953.

15. Grand Lodges may, when such a course shall be deemed beneficial, permit their Subordinates to meet once in a fortnight instead of weekly, 2104, 2167, 2179.

16. A Subordinate Lodge has no power to adjourn a session to another time, but must close in due form. Extra meetings can be held when necessary, according to the by-laws, 1846, 1886. 1949.

SIGNS.—See WORK OF THE ORDER.

SOUTH CAROLINA. (411.)

1. Amended constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, 1847, 1899, 1953.

2. Wilmot G. DeSaussure from this State elected and installed Grand Sire, 1891, 1986; present as Grand Sire, 2395; his reports as such, 2208, 2399.

3. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: Wilmot G. DeSaussure, 1828; John A. Gyles, 1831, 1982, 2248, 2396; Peter Della Torre, 1985; R. B. Boylston, 2206, 2396; William Thayer, 2398.

SUBORDINATE LODGES. (413.)

1. Subordinate Lodges are necessarily under the supervision and control of a Grand Lodge, and can only be established in the modes indicated under the heading of CHARTER.

2. When a new lodge is instituted it is not necessary that all the petitioners therefor, and in whose names the warrant is issued, shall be present, provided there are present a sufficient number to constitute a legal working lodge, 2250, 2265-6, 2327.

3. Subordinate Lodges have power to regulate and control their own financial affairs, and with this power the Grand Lodge of the United States will not interfere, 2496, 2520.

4. The regulation of dues and fees to be paid by members of lodges belongs peculiarly to local legislation, 1896, 1952.

5. Subordinate Lodges are not required to report to the Grand Lodge of the United States the amount of their moneys and investments, 1911, 1940, 1954, 2477, 2503.

6. It is in the power of Subordinate Lodges to make such an arrangement in regard to accumulated arrears of dues as will enable the reinstatement of members who have lost their membership from disuse, 1885, 1948.

7. A Subordinate Lodge may settle by compromise its pecuniary claims upon such of its members suspended for non-payment of dues as have changed their residence to another State, and grant them regular clearance cards by virtue of such settlement, 2496, 2520.

8. Subordinate Lodges have no right to refuse the benefits accruing from sickness to members who go to a dangerous climate, unless the disease has been contracted by immoral living, 1845, 1885, 1948.

9. They have no right to refuse to members who propose a temporary residence in California the full amount of benefits to which they would be entitled if they had remained in their own jurisdictions, 2494, 2508, 2521.

SUBORDINATE LODGES, continued.

10. They may, however, with the approval of their Grand Lodges, enact by-laws requiring the payment of higher dues from members going out of the State where the lodge is located than of those residing in the State, 1888, 1896, 1952.

11. A lodge cannot deny sick benefits to a brother on the ground that he is in arrears for dues, whilst the lodge is indebted to such brother on account of a prior sickness to an amount sufficient to place him in good standing, 2291, 2341.

12. Subordinate Lodges transact their ordinary business when they are open in the initiatory degree, and the Grand Lodge of the United States has repeatedly refused to require such business to be transacted in the scarlet degree, 2247, 2352, 2486, 2504.

13. They have regular nights for meeting and have no power to adjourn a session to any other time, but must close in due form, and if an extra meeting be required it must be called in the manner prescribed in their by-laws, 1846, 1886, 1949.

14. The spirit of the Order is opposed to the policy of fining members for non-attendance, but there is no general law which forbids the imposition of such fines, 2214, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

15. Where a lodge is in possession of the work of the degree of Rebekah by authority of its State Grand Lodge, it is imperative that its two principal officers (the Noble Grand and the Vice Grand) shall be in possession of the degree before they are installed into office, 1841, 1883, 1898, 1952, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

16. A lodge cannot grant an elective officer leave of absence for the majority of the nights of a term, without working a forfeiture of the honors of the term to the officer to whom such leave of absence is granted, 1845, 1886, 1898, 1949, 1952.

17. The preceding penalty is not imposed upon an officer who, in consequence of sickness, was unable to perform the duties of his office for a majority of the nights of the term for which he was elected, and who was excused from time to time by his lodge, 2296, 2309, 2345.

18. An installed officer of a lodge does not vacate his office by non-attendance unless the local law provides such a penalty, 2215, 2251, 2264, 2327.

19. In the absence of the two principal officers a lodge may transact business with a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair and a scarlet member in the Vice Grand's chair, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

SUBORDINATE LODGES, continued.

20. Subordinate Lodges cannot permit invited guests to be present at the installation of their officers, 1847, 1848, 1955, 1964, 2125.

21. Their officers cannot grant visiting cards to members in the recess of the lodge, as cards must always be applied for in open lodge, 1847, 1921, 1957.

22. Their Secretaries are not officers entitled to receive the annual password at the time of installation, 1942, 1955, 1965.

23. Their appointed officers are all appointed by the Noble Grand, except the Vice Grand's two Supporters, who are appointed by the Vice Grand, 1847, 1887, 1949.

24. They cannot require the duties of Chaplain to be performed under penalties, 2461, 2490, 2508.

25. They cannot admit to membership any brother who has been suspended by another lodge for non-payment of dues until he deposites a regular clearance card, 2495, 2496, 2520.

26. They may, on having satisfactory proof that a brother has lost his withdrawal card, admit him to membership as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and permit him to enjoy such rank as he may prove himself to have attained, 1921, 1956.

27. They have no right to refuse admittance to a visiting brother if he be correct in the usual forms required, 1844, 1885, 1948.

28. They have no right, when the withdrawal card of a brother is presented for deposite, to mutilate said card by endorsing "rejected" thereon, 1920, 1932, 1961, 1963.

29. They may, in cases where a candidate for membership has been elected, and discovered to be unworthy prior to his initiation, annul such election and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, 2276, 2310, 2346.

30. Their members by taking withdrawal cards lose their membership in encampments, 2258, 2266, 2327.

31. A lodge may grant a new card to one of its members who may have lost or been dispossessed of his card from no cause which should impeach his own conduct, provided the new card bear the same date as the original one, and express on its face that it is a duplicate, 1841, 1883, 1897, 1952.

32. Subordinate Lodges may either suspend or expel their members, as the local laws prescribe or permit, for the non-payment of dues, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

33. Another enactment, however, characterizes expulsion for non-payment of dues as impolitic and unjust, 2330, 2347.

SUBORDINATE LODGES, continued.

34. Suspension from the Order should be for a limited and reasonable length of time, and not prolonged so as virtually to operate as expulsion, 2287, 2288, 2340.

35. Upon the expiration of a term of suspension the suspended brother is restored to membership without a vote of his lodge, 2162, 2171, 2180.

36. When a brother is suspended for a specified time, whether it be for non-payment of dues or any other cause, such suspended brother cannot be restored to membership until the specified time of suspension shall have fully expired, unless by action of a Grand Lodge, 2162, 2171, 2180.

37. It is not consistent with the spirit of the Order to publish in the newspapers or otherwise, according to the popular acceptation of the term "publish," a brother who is expelled for the non-payment of dues, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

38. A Subordinate Lodge violating the laws laid down by the Grand Lodge of the United States and refusing to observe such laws, may be expelled therefor, and the Grand Master of the State may demand its charter in the recess of his Grand Lodge, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

39. The officers of a Subordinate Lodge cannot be summarily removed by a Grand Master, as his official relations are not with the officers of lodges, but with the lodges themselves; and, therefore, a lodge is liable to arraignment for insubordination if it permits its officers wilfully to disregard official instructions as to the work of the Order, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1952.

40. Subordinate Lodges may be deprived summarily of their charters by their respective Grand Lodges without trial, but such a procedure would be unjust and contrary to the spirit and usages of the Order, 1919, 1932, 1961.

41. A Subordinate Lodge cannot appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States without the consent of its Grand Lodge, unless it shall have been expelled and duly surrendered all its effects, 2371.

42. Such Subordinate Lodges as work in a foreign language may be permitted by their Grand Lodge to dispense with an English copy of their records, but they are required to furnish extracts from their minutes translated into English whenever they shall be required by their respective Grand Lodges, 2106, 2113, 2121, 2131.

SUICIDE. (418.)

If a member commit suicide his family are not thereby debarred from benefits, 2403, 2451, 2481, 2503.

SUPPLIES. (418.)—See BOOKS.

1. Proposition to reduce the price of supplies favorably reported upon by a committee, 2124, 2158, 2162.

2. Some misunderstanding occurred as to whether the report was adopted, and the measure declared to be inexpedient, 2222, 2314, 2324.

3. Another proposition to reduce the price of supplies, which was not adopted, 2466.

TENNESSEE. (419.)

1. Commendation by the Grand Lodge of the United States and by the Grand Sire of the "Odd-Fellows' Female Collegiate Institute" at Rogersville, Tennessee, 2165, 2166, 2210.

2. Proposition offered to permit the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to hold its semi-annual session of 1854 at Knoxville, 2276.

3. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: Elijah Morton, 1828; W. S. Munday, 1828, 2398; Thomas T. Smiley, 1832, 1982, 2206; George W. Day, 1985, 2204; R. H. Barry, 1985, 2204; E. D. Farnsworth, 2399.

TERMS. (420.)—See OFFICERS.

1. The term of service of the Officers and Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States is two years, 2372.

2. The term of service for officers of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments is one year, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1920, 1952, 1956.

3. The term for officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is six months, and the Grand Lodge of the United States has repeatedly refused to reduce the term for Subordinate Lodges to three months, 1919, 2102, 2103, 2149, 2176, 2248, 2252, 2253, 2327.

4. Refusal to require Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to be elected for four years instead of two years, 2107, 2149, 2150, 2179.

5. Pending amendments to the constitution to change the term of Grand Representatives from two to four years, 2499, 2505, 2517, 2518.

6. Proposition from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was not adopted, that Subordinate Lodges be permitted to meet once a month without extending the length of service of their officers, 2248.

TEXAS. (420.)

1. Application from the Grand Lodge relative to the admission of Indians into the Order and the establishment of Lodges in the Indian Territory, a compliance with which was deemed inexpedient, 1883, 1947, 1948.
2. A proceeding of the Grand Lodge urging the enactment of a law requiring Subordinate Lodges to pay benefits to visiting brothers overtaken by sickness when travelling—a proposition that eventually prevailed, (See BENEFITS.) 1884, 1920, 1939, 1948, 1963, 2104, 2115, 2116, 2150, 2180.
3. Various propositions from the Grand Lodge relating to the work of the Order, 1847, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1947, 1948.
4. An Encampment at Washington authorized when proper application should be made therefor, 1927, 1957.
5. An amended constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, 2104, 2133, 2174.
6. Inquiries from the Grand Lodge respecting certain laws of the Order, 2275, 2280, 2328.
7. Anson Jones Encampment, No. 4, located at Washington; Encampment, No. 5, at Austin; and Encampment, No. 6, at Huntsville, authorized during the recess of 1852-3 and their charters confirmed, 2006, 2120, 2173.
8. The constitution, by-laws, and rules of order of Anson Jones Encampment presented and approved, 2104, 2131, 2174.
9. Petition presented from Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Rio Grande Encampment, No. 9, and Anson Jones Encampment, No. 4, for a charter for a Grand Encampment, and a charter granted, 2104, 2119, 2173, 2209.
10. A petition for an encampment at LaGrange received and referred to the Grand Encampment just chartered, 2104, 2120, 2173.
11. Appeal of S. G. Swan from a decision of the Grand Lodge, in which the latter was sustained, (See APPEALS.) 1847, 1898, 1952.
12. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: E. P. Hunt, 1832, 2206, 2396; Anson Jones, 1985, 2204; William M. Carper, 2398.

TRANSLATION. (423.)

1. Proceedings relating to the translation of the work of the Order and the Degree of Rebekah into the French, Spanish, and German languages, 1919, 1931, 1960, 1966, 2126, 2176, 2178.
2. Refusal to have the work of the Order translated into the Welsh language, 2462, 2501, 2521.

TRAVELLING.

For what relates to the travelling password, see PASSWORD; and for reference to other matters relative to travelling brothers, see VISITING.

UNIFORMITY. (424.)

VACANCIES.—See OFFICERS.

VERMONT. (425.)

1. Inquiries from the Grand Lodge which elicited a decision that the holding of an office in a Grand Lodge did not confer any peculiar privilege in respect to voting, 2249, 2265. 2327.

2. James Mitchell appointed District Deputy Grand Sire for this State, 1980, 2369, 2544.

3. Grand Representatives from this state since 1851, viz: M. A. Tuxbury, 1831; C. W. Bradbury, 1831, 1982; E. J. Carpenter, 1985, 2204; William P. Russel, 2207, 2396; F. E. Woodbridge, 2452.

VIRGINIA. (426.)

1. Expression of approval by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the enterprise of establishing "Martha Washington College," at Abingdon, Virginia, for the education of female orphans, by the brethren of that State, 2506.

2. An amended constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, 1843, 1900, 1953.

3. A protest of the Grand Lodge presented and referred, 1843.

4. Three hundred dollars appropriated for the relief of suffering brethren in Norfork and Portsmouth during the prevalence of the yellow fever at those places, 2400, 2458, 2475.

5. Appeal of Michael Seagers and others, from a decision of the Grand Encampment, presented, (see APPEALS,) but dismissed on the ground of informality, 1912, 1916, 1956.

6. E. C. Robinson of this State appointed Grand Marshal pro tem., 2396.

7. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: E. C. Robinson, 1828, 1985, 2204, 2399; Israel Robinson, 1828; Edward H. Fitzhugh. 1831, 1982, 2206, 2396; Edmund P. Hunter, 1832, 1982, 2207; John R. Edmonds, 1984; Jacob H. Robinson, 2398; C. A. B. Coffroth, 2399.

VISITING, TRAVELLING. (430.)

1. A qualified brother, in good standing, may visit any lodge or encampment in his own State upon the proper term password; but no brother can be admitted to visit a lodge or encampment

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out of the State or Territory where he resides unless he present a duly authenticated card, (see CARDS,) and prove himself in the travelling password and in the degree in which the lodge is open, (see PASSWORD,) 2382.

2. A qualified brother may, nevertheless, always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit, 2382.

3. Past officers of every description, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels of the highest rank they may have attained, 2385.

4. The officers of State Grand Lodges, when visiting Subordinate Lodges under their own jurisdiction, should give at the outside door the same password that is required of other brothers, 1992, 2114, 2170.

5. When visiting for installation purposes, a Grand Master is entitled to take the chair of the Noble Grand, but when otherwise visiting he is not entitled to that chair of right, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

6. Past Grands deputed to install the officers of Subordinate Lodges are entitled to all the respect due to the officer whom they represent, but they have no right to assume the rank of elective officers and introduce visiting strangers into a lodge without a card or password, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

7. A visiting card cannot be issued by a Noble Grand or Secretary until the same shall have been granted in open lodge, 1848, 1885, 1948.

8. A lodge (or encampment) has no right to refuse admission to a brother in possession of a visiting card, if he is qualified according to law, 1844, 1885, 1948.

9. No brother can be permitted to visit on a withdrawal card that bears date twelve months previously, but such a card is valid, as evidence of previous good standing, when application is made for a renewal of membership, 1921, 1956.

10. It is the duty of a Noble Grand to confer the travelling password upon a visiting brother who presents a letter of request to that effect from his lodge, together with his travelling card, both being under seal and in due form of law, 2103, 2146, 2177.

VISITING, TRAVELLING, continued.

11. A visiting brother who desires benefits must produce a card properly endorsed and certified by the Secretary of his own lodge, (see CARDS,) and whatever amount of money the distressed brother may receive from the lodge to which he applies for aid is required to be promptly refunded, upon his draft, by the lodge of which he is a member, 1947, 2116, 2150, 2180.

12. Refusal to require all visiting and withdrawal cards issued to express the degree or rank of the recipient, 1846, 1921, 1957.

VITAL STATISTICS.

1. The subject of the vital statistics of the Order seems to have been first brought to the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1852, by means of an interesting report from Rep. E. C. Dibble, of Northern New York, which advocated the propriety of ensuring greater stability to the Order by the establishment of uniform rates of fees and benefits, 1909, 1964.

2. The report above alluded was not adopted, but at the same session a committee was raised at the instance of Rep. I. D. Williamson, (who was placed at its head,) charged with the duty of inquiring into the true relations that should subsist between dues and benefits, and with the construction of a table showing, upon the established principles of life and health insurance, what amount of benefits will accrue from a given amount of dues at each year of age, ranging from twenty-one to sixty years, 1942, 1964, 1965.

3. At the ensuing session of 1853 this committee submitted a very able and lucid report, entering fully into the important subject entrusted to it, fortifying its arguments with a variety of interesting tables showing the ratio of sickness and deaths in the Order for a period of ten years, the relative expense thereof as compared with the established dues, and suggesting measures to guard against the insolvency of lodges from the supposed inadequacy of the dues paid by their members, 2043 to 2101.

4. Two of the resolutions appended to this report were adopted—the first recommending a certain scale of dues and benefits, and the second requiring information to be communicated annually in the returns of Subordinate Lodges as follows: A return of the whole number of members, classified according to their ages, from twenty-one years upwards; the number and ages of the sick, and the duration of their sickness; the number of deaths at each age; the revenue of the lodge; the amount paid on sick and mortality account; and the amount paid for current expenses, exclusive of benefits, 2057, 2164.

VITAL STATISTICS, continued.

5. The third resolution of the committee proposed to create a new officer in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be called the "R. W. Grand Actuary," upon whom it was proposed to devolve the duty of preserving, collating, arranging, and reporting annually to the Grand Lodge of the United States the statistical information embodied in the returns required under the preceding enactment; but, this resolution not meeting with favor, the duties it proposed to devolve on the Actuary were imposed upon the Grand Secretary, who was directed to furnish the State Grand Lodges with the necessary blank forms to enable their Subordinate Lodges to prepare the statistical reports required, 2057, 2164.

6. The expenses incurred by the committee in preparing this report ordered to be paid, 2161, 2165, 2177.

7. The reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary at the session of 1854 showing that but a few returns of the vital statistics were received, and some of these so imperfect as not to be reliable, the subject was again referred to a committee, which earnestly urged the forming of a bureau of statistics in the office of the Grand Secretary, and the appointment of an Actuary to take charge of these statistics, but the proposition was again disagreed to, 2210, 2219, 2258, 2270, 2328.

8. The copy-right to the tables accompanying the principal report on this subject relinquished to Rep. Williamson, 2343.

9. Resolutions submitted, but not acted on, proposing to affirm that the Grand Lodge of the United States has no desire to interfere with the legislation of Subordinates in relation to dues and benefits, and to repeal the laws making recommendations and requiring statistical information on these subjects, 2334.

10. The Grand Secretary's summary of the vital statistics of 1854, (so far as returns were made,) showing the number of weeks' sickness at each age and the average rate of sickness per member, expressed in weeks and decimals, together with his remarks as to the necessity of affording him additional clerical aid in collating these statistics, 2416, 2417-18.

11. The plan of collecting these statistics pronounced by a committee to be a failure, and calculated to mislead rather than enlighten the Order, and the enactment repealed, 2477-8, 2503.

VOTING. (433.)

1. In the Grand Lodge of the United States all propositions in amendment of the constitution require a three-fourths vote, and propositions in amendment of the by-laws a two-thirds vote, 2378.

VOTING, continued.

2. To amend the work of the Order requires in some cases a four-fifths vote and in others a unanimous vote, 2372.

3. All other questions are decided by a majority vote, 2376.

4. The officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are elected by ballot; a majority of all the votes cast is necessary to elect; and during a ballot no motion can be entertained or debate or explanation permitted, 2376, 2388.

5. The practice observed when balloting in some legislative lodges, of dropping the candidate who receives the lowest number of votes, is not recognised in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1907.

6. In the Grand Lodge of the United States, except when choosing officers, (and sometimes a select committee,) all voting is *viva voce*, or by yeas and nays, and when the latter mode is resorted to the votes must be recorded on the journal, 2376.

7. On all questions arising in the Grand Lodge of the United States every duly authorized Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment is entitled to one vote, and if it shall have more than one thousand members, to two votes, provided it be not in arrears for dues, 2375, 2530.

8. No Representative whose Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is in arrears for moneys due the Grand Lodge of the United States can be allowed to vote upon any question coming up in that body, 2381, 2530.

9. In the Grand Lodge of the United States no Representative is permitted to vote unless clothed in proper regalia and occupying his own seat, 2388.

10. A Representative from a Grand Body which is entitled to two votes can cast the vote of an absent colleague upon a ballot for officers, (or upon a vote on any question,) but cannot cast the vote of a colleague who is present, 1889, 1890.

11. After the result of a vote has been announced by the Grand Sire, no Representative can cast his vote unless by unanimous consent, 2389.

12. No officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States is permitted to vote except the Grand Sire, and his privilege of voting is confined to giving the casting vote whenever the Grand Lodge is equally divided, 2373.

13. Past Grand Sires, though permanent members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, do not enjoy the privilege of voting in that body, (unless they be also Representatives,) 2375.

VOTING, continued.

14. Grand Lodges, in exercising the right of adopting such representative basis as they choose for conducting their ordinary legislation, may confer on their elective officers the privilege of voting; but, unless such a privilege be specially conferred, the holding of an office confers no right to vote on legislative business, 2249, 2265, 2327.

15. Grand Lodges which do their legislative business upon a representative basis have power to confer upon their elective officers the privilege of speaking and voting upon all questions that may arise, but such officers are not entitled to these privileges *ex officio*, 2265, 2468, 2501.

16. A revised form of constitution reported by a special committee is required to be adopted by such proportionate vote and other formalities as may be prescribed for amending the constitution of which the proposed form is offered as a substitute, 2103, 2116, 2170.

17. To pass a resolution prescribing the manner in which a constitution shall be construed also requires the same forms and the same proportionate vote as an amendment of the constitution, because its effect would be equivalent to such an amendment. In an appeal case from Louisiana the Grand Lodge of the United States virtually instructed its committee to sustain this proposition, but it does not appear to have been afterwards affirmed according to the usual legislative form, 2103, 2118, 2170, 2172.

18. If in a Subordinate Lodge a person should be illegally elected a member through error or fraud, (as to his health or otherwise,) a majority of the lodge can, previously to his initiation, order a new ballot; but if the fraud be not discovered until after initiation, then the party must be regarded as a member, and can only be expelled upon regular trial, 2103, 2146, 2177.

19. Applicants for degrees must be balloted for by the Lodge open in the particular degree applied for, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327, 2404, 2450, 2481, 2503.

20. A reconsideration of a ballot is inadmissible, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

21. If charges be preferred against a brother making application for a withdrawal card, the vote on granting the card cannot be taken until the charges be withdrawn or a trial be had upon them, 1992, 2115, 2170.

22. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States directed, in preparing his printed Journal, not to give a vote for officers in detail, but to enter as blanks all votes cast for persons not previously nominated, 1938.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT. (436.)

1. A block of marble, handsomely embellished, provided by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the National Monument to the memory of WASHINGTON, and duly presented to the President of the United States, 1838, 1959, 1960.

2. A resolution submitted, but not adopted, proposing that the Grand Lodge of the United States contribute one hundred dollars annually to this Monument until the capstone be placed thereon, 1965, 2122, 2173.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Olympia Lodge, No. 1, located at Olympia, authorized during the recess of 1854-5, and charter confirmed, 2400, 2424, 2479, 2503.

WIFE. (436.)—See DEGREE FOR WIVES.

Refusal to prepare a plate for cards for wives or widows of members of the Order, 1942, 1955, 1965.

WILDEY FUND. (437.)

1. An inquiry directed, and a report thereon, as to the nature and value of the securities held and the revenue derived from the sum of eight thousand dollars, appropriated in 1849 for the purpose of relieving Past Grand Sire Wildey, 1846, 1925-6, 1957.

2. Fifty dollars received from the Grand Lodge of Quebec in aid of the Wildey annuity, 1856.

3. Notice of an annual appropriation of fifty dollars to this fund by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to continue during the life of Past Grand Sire Wildey, 1943.

4. Statements of contributions in aid of the Wildey fund, 1852, 1856, 1871, 1877, 1943, 2014, 2020, 2241.

5. Remarks of the Grand Sire as to the insufficiency of the contribution to this fund to accomplish the object for which it was intended, 1839.

6. A proposition submitted, but not adopted, to make a further application to the Grand Lodges for subscription to the Wildey fund, so as to make the aggregate of such subscription reach the sum of $500 per annum, 1964.

WISCONSIN. (438.)

1. An amended constitution of the Grand Lodge presented and approved, 1847, 1887, 1952.

2. Proceeding of the Grand Lodge presented proposing to admit to witness the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges the wives of brothers who have taken the degree of Rebekah, (not adopted,) 2104.

WISCONSIN, continued.

3. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States since 1851, viz: Henry B. Hinsdale, 1828; Chas. Billinghurst, 1832, 1982, 2206; James B. Kellogg, 1832, 1982, 2452; Levi H. Kellogg, 1985; Chas. C. Cheney, 2207, 2396; A. J. Langworthy, 2280; David H. Wright, 2398.

WITHDRAWAL. (440.)—See CARDS, MEMBERSHIP, RESIGNATION.

WORK OF THE ORDER. (440.)

1. The power to make, alter, and regulate the work, language, and regalia of the Order belongs exclusively to the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2372.

2. The unwritten work cannot be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the written work cannot be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of said Grand Lodge, 2372.

3. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States is required to keep the journal of all secret sessions, preserve the evidences of the unwritten work and such alterations as may from time to time be made therein, and all other records pertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto, 2374.

4. Every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment is responsible to the Grand Lodge of the United States for any irregularity in the work which it may allow within its jurisdiction, and each is required to enforce upon its Subordinates a strict adherence to the work and forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2383.

5. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can use, or suffer to be used within its jurisdiction, any charges, lectures, degrees, forms of installation, ceremonies, or regalia, other than those prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2383.

6. Any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment may submit for the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States any inquiry relating to the work of the Order, 2386.

7. Inquiries in relation to the work of the Order may be submitted to the Grand Sire, either by Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, or by Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, or Grand Representatives, or by Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 2373.

8. A form of ceremony for installing the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States prepared and reported in secret session, 2124, 2277.

WORK OF THE ORDER, continued.

9. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can confer degrees upon a member of another Grand Lodge, unless it be authorized so to do under the seal of the Grand Lodge to which the brother belongs, 2381.

10. The Grand Lodge degree must be conferred without pecuniary consideration upon any brother in good standing who has regularly performed the duties of Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, and upon no other person, 2384.

11. The past official degrees are rewards for services in offices of Subordinate Encampments and Lodges, and may be conferred at any proper time and place on those who have earned them, and produce proper certificates from Lodges in which they have been earned. But the Grand Lodge degree draws after it actual membership, and should therefore only be given when a Past Grand becomes a member of the Grand Lodge, 2124, 2134-5, 2176.

12. No lodge can confer degrees upon a member of another lodge except with the consent of the lodge to which the member belongs, given under its seal, 2381.

13. Upon the adoption of a new degree by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the said degree not being an integral part of the work of the Order, (and it being optional with the different Grand Lodges whether or not they will permit it to be conferred in their respective jurisdictions,) any Grand Representative who becomes possessed of it in the discharge of his representative duties has the right to confer it upon Subordinate Lodges in his own jurisdiction without the authority of his State Grand Lodge, and before he shall have formally reported it to said body for its sanction and approval, 1839, 1883, 1896, 1897, 1952.

14. Except in encampments, prayer is not an integral part of the work of the Order; and, whilst it is highly desirable and eminently proper that all lodges should open and close with prayer, it is not competent for Subordinate Bodies to require the performance of this ceremony under penalties, 2461, 2491, 2508.

15. If the Noble Grand of a lodge should persist in permitting improper work in violation of his instructions, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the lodge that, unless it shall require its officers to conform to the work, it shall be dealt with for insubordination, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1952.

16. It is improper for a lodge to make a personal examination into the condition of an applicant's health in the ante-room, after such person has been legally elected, and when, in pursuance of a notice from the lodge, he presents himself for initiation, 2104, 2147, 2177.

WORK OF THE ORDER, continued.

17. Applicants for degrees must be balloted for by the lodge open in the particular degree applied for, and all proceedings had by lodges when open in particular degrees must be recorded in a distinct minute or record book, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327, 2404. 2450, 2481, 2503.

18. A reconsideration of a ballot is inadmissible, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

19. There is no law which prevents the delivery of the Past Grand's charge by the Noble Grand; it should be given by a Past Grand, if one be present, and under no circumstances should it be given by the Vice Grand, 1845, 1895, 1952.

20. A member under penal charges may participate in the work of a lodge, 2132, 2174.

21. Refusal to restore the "old work" for initiation in Subordinate Lodges, or to amend the present form, 1906, 1914, 1954.

22. A suggestion from the Grand Lodge of Indiana instructing its Representatives to advocate the getting up of work proper for each of the degrees of the Subordinate Lodges, and the subject indefinitely postponed, 1942, 2122, 2173.

23. A form of ceremony reported for opening and closing Degree Lodges and Subordinate Lodges when working in the Degrees, which was adopted, 1843, 1937, 1966.

24. It is not compatible with law to make the encampment degrees a qualification either to membership or to office in a Grand Lodge, as such a body cannot judicially know any thing of any other degrees than those which belong to its own jurisdiction, and cannot legislate or apply tests in regard to any other degrees, 1843, 1921, 1957.

25. The correctness of giving two of the Patriarchal degrees upon the same evening is to be determined by local legislation, 2404, 2450, 2481, 2503.

26. Refusal to allow the charge of the Royal Purple degree, succeeding the obligation, to be conferred on more than one Patriarch at the same time, 2135, 2176.

27. A proposition submitted to abolish encampments and to merge the Patriarchal degrees into the work of Subordinate Lodges, which subject elicited majority and minority reports, and was then indefinitely postponed, (see MERGEMENT,) 1945, 2105, 2148, 2179.

28. The degree of Rebekah is an honorary degree, to be conferred upon such scarlet members and their wives as may desire to receive it, 1841, 1883, 1898, 1952.

WORK OF THE ORDER, continued.

29. A lodge may, at its option, sing an ode at the time that ladies are introduced into the hall for instruction in the degree of Rebekah, 1962, 1933.

30. To be regularly in possession of the degree of Rebekah is a necessary qualification for office in a Subordinate Lodge which is authorized to confer the said degree, 1841, 1883, 1898, 1952, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

31. A public installation of officers by a lodge is not proper, as the ceremony must be performed in the initiatory degree, 1848, 1954, 1964.

32. A District Deputy Grand Sire, in absenting himself temporarily from his jurisdiction, has authority to appoint a qualified brother or brothers to install the officers of lodges and encampments during his necessary absence, 1992, 2114, 2170, 2180.

33. Reference to much of the business of a lodge connected with its work will be found under the titles of DEGREES, INITIATION, JOURNAL, OFFICERS, REGALIA, VOTE, &c.

YEAS AND NAYS. (454.)

1. The yeas and nays may be ordered by one-fifth of the members present, and when ordered are required to be entered upon the Journal, 2376.

2. Required to be recorded upon the adoption of all amendments to the Constitution, 2378.

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*Omitted from the title "Indians."*

Application from the Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the admission of Indians into the Order and the establishment of lodges in the Indian Territory, a compliance with which was deemed inexpedient, 1883, 1947, 1948.

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